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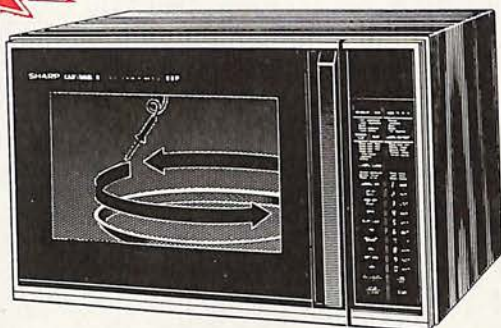
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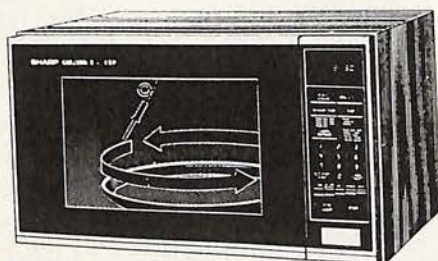




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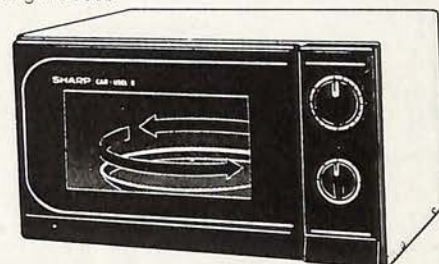
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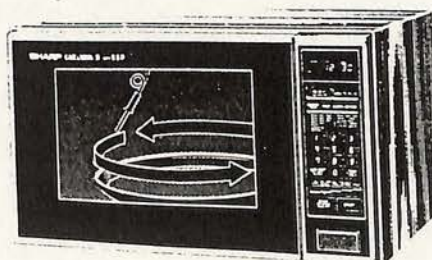
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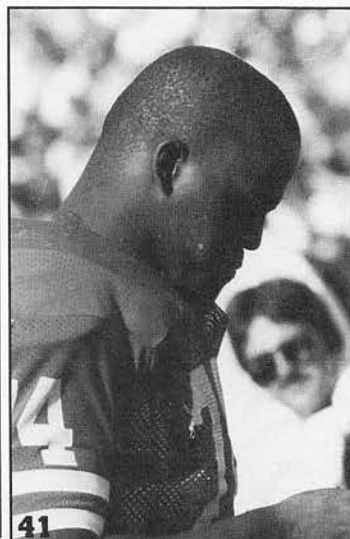
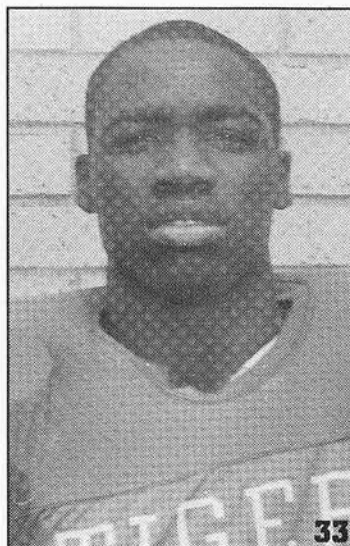
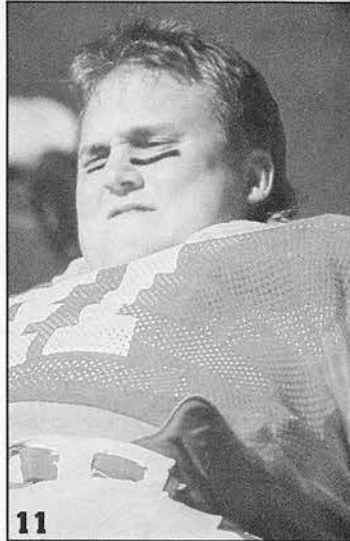
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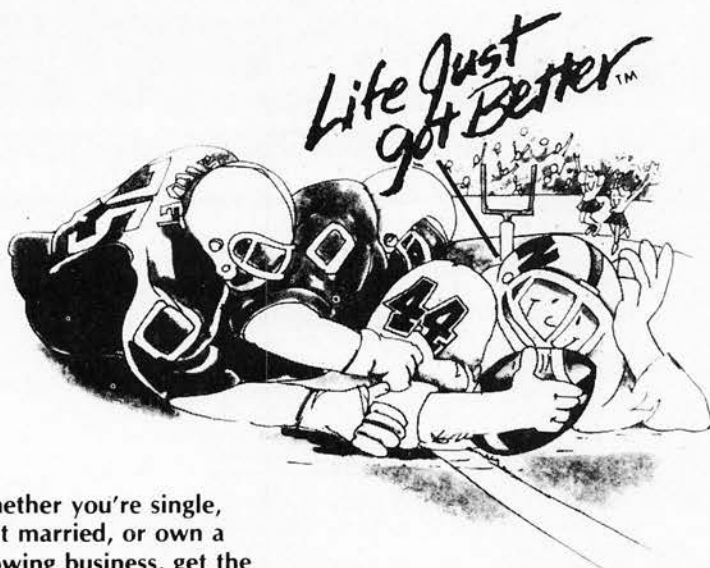
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## Letters

### COMMENTS, IN GENERAL

Dear Huskers:

Just wanted to say thanks for a great magazine. I have lived out of Nebraska for 30 years in various states. Prior to your magazine, I had to rely on my family to send me the Sunday paper to get the scoop on what happened.

I got home for the Missouri game. Cannot remember when I enjoyed a Saturday afternoon more. Didn't want to leave the stadium. Nebraska has the world's greatest fans (me included), a great team and great band. Really enjoyed everything.

Nebraska's offense has been called the big-play offense this year which is OK, but we still need to grind them out occasionally as evidenced in Colorado when the big play did not work.

Nebraska has a great team this year, but I think we are only in the early stages of even better teams for the next couple of years.

I've always been proud to be a Husker fan as everyone involved in the program is first class.

Tom Remmers

Wathena, Kan.

### TOP FROSH

Dear Huskers:

I listen to the games on KLZZ in San Diego.

What I would like to have is a roster of the freshman team. Starters will do nicely.

I'm not a fair weather fan. I can remember the years when Bill Glassford was coach. I'm satisfied when you go 9-3.

So you lost one. The season isn't over yet. Then there's always next year.

I've been a Husker fan since 1949. Thank you for the years of enjoyment.

Bill Adair

Campo, Calif.

Bill: Here is a listing of some of the top freshman team players this year and what they've accomplished:

David Petz, 182 yards rushing, 4.6 average per carry, four TDs.

Lance Babolz, 177 yards rushing, 5.5 average per carry, 1 TD.

Gerry Gdowski, 172 yards rushing, 4.8 average per carry, 1 TD.

Morgan Gregory, 16 receptions, 21.0 average per catch, 1 TD, 67-yard long gain.

Jeff Miller and Gdowski have been splitting quarterback time,



with Gdowski hitting on 29 percent of his passing for 257 yards. Miller is passing at a 45 percent clip for 232 yards.

Miller is also on a record-setting pace as the frosh punter. His 41.4 average per kick is in line to top current varsity punter John Kroeker, who set the old record of 40.4 in 1984.

Defensively, Mike Murray and Mark Hagge are the leading tacklers with 38 and 37 stops, respectively, through four games.

#### BOWLS

Dear Huskers:

Could you provide a list of Nebraska's bowl scores and which bowls they appeared in since 1969 and a list of the few teams that have beaten Nebraska in Lincoln since 1970?

Vic Jorgensen  
Atwater, Calif.

Vic: Here's your bowl information. NU 45, Georgia 6 (1969 Sun); NU 17, Louisiana State 12 (1971 Orange); NU 38, Alabama 6 (1972 Orange); NU 40, Notre Dame 6 (1973 Orange); NU 19, Texas 3 (1974 Cotton); NU 13, Florida 10 (1974 Sugar); Arizona State 17, NU 14 (1975 Fiesta); NU 27, Texas Tech 24 (1976 Astro-Bluebonnet); NU 21, North Carolina 17 (1977 Liberty); Oklahoma 31, NU 24 (1979 Orange); Houston 17, NU 14 (1980 Cotton); NU 31, Mississippi State 17 (1980 Sun); Clemson 22, NU 15 (1982 Orange); NU 21, LSU 20 (1983 Orange); Miami 31, NU 30 (1984 Orange); NU 28, LSU 10 (1985 Sugar) and Michigan 27, NU 23 (1986 Fiesta).

As far as teams that have beaten the Huskers in Lincoln since 1970, it's a pretty elite group: Oklahoma (1972-74-76-80-84), Missouri (1974-76-78), Florida State (1980-1985), Penn State (1981), Washington State (1977) and Iowa State (1977).

#### SOUVENIRS

Dear Huskers:

I attended the Oklahoma State game with my grandson and in the excitement of getting seated for the opening kickoff, I did not buy a program for the game.

I would like to obtain a program for a souvenir for my grandson to remember his first Big Red game.

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Earl Lierley  
Algona, Iowa



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#### OKLAHOMA LAST?

Dear Huskers:

As long as I can remember, we've always played Oklahoma in the last

game of the year except when we had those special trips to play Hawaii, and I don't really consider that a football game. How long has OU and Nebraska been the last game of the year?

Kevin Frost  
Omaha, Neb.

Kevin: In this 66-game series, it's not been that long since OU-NU was not the season finale. In fact, as recently as 1978, Missouri was Ne-

braska's last Big Eight opponent. Kansas State filled that final spot in 1959 to interrupt the string of last-game matchups. Once Nebraska and Oklahoma aligned in the Big Six Conference in 1928, it took 11 years before the contest was slated as a season finale. From 1939 on, OU-Nebraska has been the last league game for the Huskers 40 times.

#### JONES NOT ALL GONE

Dear Huskers:

I am 11 years old and I live in Sioux Falls, S.D. I am 5-foot-7 and weigh 134 pounds. I hope to play for the Huskers someday. I want to play middle guard and be just like Danny Noonan. He's my favorite player.

I've been to one of the Husker games with my dad. They won, 48-14, over Oregon. I thought Noonan had an outstanding game.

One more thing. I was going through the sports section in the Sioux Falls newspaper when I came across something that said that Keith Jones may be out for the season with ligament damage to his right thumb. Is that true?

Jeremy Fink  
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Jeremy: Yes it is, but we should clarify what we mean by season. Nebraska head trainer George Sullivan has indicated Jones may be able to play in the Huskers' bowl game this year. But Jones does look doubtful for the regular season, including the OU game.



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**Birthdate:** June 11, 1967

**Birthplace:** Kearney, Neb.

**Parents' Names:** Kent and Diana Felzien

**Hometown:** Minden, Neb.

**High School:** Minden Senior High

**Major:** Dental Hygiene

**Class:** Sophomore

**High school honors:** National Honor Society, Letterman's Club President, Pep Club Vice President, Class Treasurer, state golf medalist.

**College Honors:** Husker Hostess, Internship Program Director and Secretary of Pre-Dental Club, alumni member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

**Hobbies/Special Interest:** golf, swimming, arts and crafts.

**How I became a Husker**

**Hostess:** My freshman year, I just happened to see the paper advertising for positions. I was the last one interviewed. I was lucky.

**Athletics are an important part of college life because:** it gets the whole campus more together by pulling for a common goal.

**If I were a football player, the position I would play is:** offensive guard because that's what my husband (Dave) plays.

**The toughest part of my job is:** sometimes it's kind of hard to get the recruits talking and feeling comfortable because they are trying so hard to learn all the things that have been introduced to them that day.

**The most satisfying part of my job is:** when a recruit has signed with us.



This week's "Husker Hostess" page is brought to you by **Lincoln Tour & Travel.**





## ***Marc Munford...***

*His comeback has surprised almost everyone — if not by its quality, then by its quickness. But for Munford, it won't be complete without a win over Bosworth and the Sooners.*

***By Mike Babcock***



**M**arc Munford stood alongside Danny Noonan and Walt Johnson, an equipment manager for the Nebraska football team, on the visitors' sideline at Owen Field in Norman, Okla., and watched as the final seconds ticked off the clock.

The Cornhuskers were backed into the shadow of their own end zone by

an Oklahoma team determined to overcome a 28-21 deficit and salvage at least a tie. Nebraska was equally determined to hold the lead and finish the regular season undefeated and be the undisputed Big Eight Conference champion for the third consecutive season.

Nebraska would succeed, but only with the heroics of cornerback Neil

Harris, who deflected a fourth-down pass in the end zone with 32 seconds remaining.

At some point during those final, frenzied seconds, a fan — who had no concern for the safety of those in its path — threw an orange at the Cornhusker sideline.

The orange, a deadly projectile

*Munford has continued to be the Huskers' top tackler (opposite page), but it's still a painful task to get his knee ready to play.*

#### THE PERSONAL SIDE

**Name:** Marc Christopher Munford

**Birthdate:** February 14, 1965

**Birthplace:** Lincoln, Nebraska

**Hometown:** Littleton, Colorado

**Parents' Names:** Jim and Carol Munford

**High School:** Heritage

**Year in School:** Senior

**Major:** Speech Communications

**Biggest thrill in college:** starting three years for Nebraska.

**Biggest thrill in high school:** beating Fairview for the first time in 14 years.

**Personal Heroes:** Dick Butkus

**Favorite Movie:** "Animal House"

**Favorite Actor:** John Belushi

**Favorite Actress:** Cybill Shepherd

**Favorite TV Show:** "Moonlighting"

**Favorite Book:** The Husker playbook.

**Favorite Recording Star:** Willie Nelson

**Favorite Song:** "Whiskey River"

**Nobody knows I'm:** real good about attending class.

**I wish I could stop:** practicing in cold weather.

**I've never been able to:** bench press 400 pounds.

**I'd give anything to meet:** Dick Butkus.

**I hope I never have to:** wear a coat and tie for a living.

**One thing I can't stand in people is:** judging other people falsely.

**If I could change one thing about myself, it would be:** to have Bionic knees.

**If I could change one thing in the world, it would be:** bring about world peace.

**If I could tell young people one thing, it would be:** don't use drugs, live a clean life and enjoy life.





when thrown from such a distance, took one hop in the middle of the field and "came right for Walt's head," Munford said, recalling the incident.

In an instant, Munford hit Noonan, who pushed Johnson out of the way. Nebraska-Oklahoma, 1983.

Munford, like Noonan a freshman that day, experienced the rivalry for the first time. "It was neat to be there and see what the players were going through," said Munford.

Even though he didn't get to play in the game, "it was quite a thrill. That was the first big game I was around, on the sideline," Munford said.

Nebraska's senior linebacker grew up watching the annual Big Eight showdown between the Cornhuskers and Sooners.

His home is Littleton, Colo., but his father, Jim, is from Lincoln, "so I watched it every year on TV," said Munford. "I can even remember when I was in the first grade watching it."

Whether or not that recollection is accurate, the Oklahoma game obviously has special significance for Munford, who will be playing against the Sooners for the final time in his career at Memorial Stadium on Saturday. It could be biggest game of his college career.

"I'm going to try to make it that," Munford said. Everything else aside, "it's still Nebraska-Oklahoma."

That says it all...

Actually, Munford will be playing against the Sooners for only the second time. Last season, he was in the hospital, recovering from knee surgery when Nebraska lost to Oklahoma 27-7 in Norman. He was so disappointed about having to miss the game, "I could barely watch," he said.

He was so drugged up with pain killers following the operation that he fell asleep just before halftime, which was just as well, given the fact that the Cornhuskers already trailed 17-0.

Munford did find out the final score until the next day, when his parents gave him the bad news.

"If I could have missed the rest of the season and played in that game, I would have done it," Munford said.

That's how much it meant to him.

"I think I could have helped some," said Munford, who finished last season as Nebraska's leading tackler despite missing two and a half games.

Cornhusker Coach Tom Osborne agreed.

"When we lost Munford, we probably were a 20-percent poorer defensive football team," Osborne said.

"We went downhill from the Oklahoma and Michigan games, and not having Munford made a difference. Just one player can make a difference."

Prior to the injury, which occurred early in the second quarter of a 56-6 victory over Kansas, Munford was Nebraska's fastest linebacker, having been timed at :04.72 in the 40.

And if the Cornhusker defense needed one thing that afternoon it was speed.

"It looked like they really got to the outside of us," said Munford. "This year I think it's going to be a different story because we have a lot more team speed, overall."

Munford made the most of his only opportunity to play against Oklahoma.

In a 17-7 loss to the Sooners at Lincoln in 1984, he was credited with a game-high 16 tackles, 11 of which were unassisted. "That was probably the most fun I've had in a game since I've been here, as far as doing well and being in a really tight game. It was so high intensity," he said.

"The whole game the hitting was hard, and they were coming to my side quite a bit, so it allowed me to get involved in a lot of plays."

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Munford was so involved, in fact, that he matched Oklahoma linebacker Brian Bosworth, tackle-for-tackle. Bosworth finished with 12, all unassisted.

Nebraska-Oklahoma, Munford-Bosworth.

Munford and Bosworth were first-team All-Big Eight selections a year ago and both have played well enough this fall to repeat. Munford isn't nearly as flamboyant as his Sooner counterpart, but "there's no one (linebacker) in the country any better than Marc," according to John Melton, the Cornhuskers' linebacker coach.

"He's as good as I've coached."

Going into the ninth game of the season, against Iowa State, Munford ranked third on Nebraska's all-time unassisted tackles list with 141, only seven behind Jerry Murtaugh and 16 behind Steve Damkroger.

Munford was No. 8 on the school's career total tackles list with 233. Murtaugh is first with 339, followed by Lee Kunz (276), Clete Pillen (273), Damkroger (269), Jim Wightman (254), Mike Knox (245) and Wayne Meylan (238).

Barring injury, at the pace he was going, Munford could move into the top five by season's end.

What makes his totals so remarkable is the fact that he's probably still not 100 percent recovered from last year's knee injury. "But I'm getting closer and closer. Each week I'm feeling better," said Munford.

Because of his knee, as well as an assortment of aches and pains not uncommon for someone as involved in the action as he is, Munford is given Mondays off to recuperate.

"His legs hurt him. His back hurts him. His arm hurts him. His thumb hurts him. Everything's wrong with Munford on Monday. But by Saturday, he's fine," Melton said with a smile.

Even if he weren't healed by kick-off, Munford would be ready to go. "He can play with pain," said Melton.

Munford's recovery has surprised Melton, whose coaching career began before Munford was born.

"He's unbelievable, really," Melton said. "I was about 50-50, wondering if he'd even be able to play this year. I thought he might try playing the first couple of games and then we'd see how he held up. We might have been able to redshirt him anyway after that.



"But he's gotten better every week."

George Sullivan, Nebraska's head trainer and physical therapist, even admitted some surprise at Munford's quick recovery from the knee injury.

"He probably had himself ready (to play) a good month ahead of what we normally consider the rehabilitation period," Sullivan said. "He's stuck right with everything. Marc's shown a lot of determination."

According to Osborne, it didn't take long for Munford to get back in the swing of things. "I think in the early scrimmages, and maybe even in the Florida State game, he was protecting himself a little bit. But I don't think he

even thinks about it now. I think Marc's playing about the same as a year ago, if not better," Osborne said.

That's possible because "I'm reading the keys quicker, and I'm taking better angles," said Munford.

Kevin Parsons, another senior who's started alongside Munford at strongside linebacker, doesn't see any difference in Munford's play from a year ago.

Early on, that might have been the case. "I think physically, when your body goes through the kind of shock you have with a knee injury, the operation and the rehabilitation, you're bound to be a little gun-shy," Parsons



said.

"And I think Marc was for awhile. But he plays with the same confidence now. He's strong, and he doesn't seem to flinch at all. I haven't noticed any difference in his playing."

Parsons, who became a starter after Munford was injured last season, hasn't been surprised by his teammate's dramatic recovery. He never expected Munford to redshirt.

"I thought he could make it back, time-wise, that he'd be back at least by mid-season. But I figured his ability would drop off some. I didn't think he would come back in as good of shape, with the capabilities he still possesses," Parsons said.

Of course, it's in Munford's nature, according to Parsons.

"Marc's very determined. He loves the game of football, and he doesn't like doing things halfway. He either wants to be the best at what he's doing or he doesn't want to bother with it at all. That shows his distinct character," Parsons said. "He came back to be the best he could possibly be."

Munford and Parsons have combined to provide Nebraska with one of its best-ever linebacking duos.

That's partly a result of their having come through the program together.

"Marc and I work really well together. I think we always have," said Parsons, who's been the team's second-leading tackler most of the season.

"It seems like we can almost read each other's mind. I know when Marc's going to do something, and Marc knows when I'm going to do something."

Outside of Nebraska, Munford's accomplishments may have been overlooked, to some extent, because of all the publicity that Bosworth has received. Munford has never met the Oklahoma All-American.

"I'm sure I will eventually," said Munford. "But I can wait for that day. I suppose. I respect him as a player. He's tough, definitely a good linebacker. We're just two totally different personalities is all."

Munford might match Bosworth's aggressiveness on the field, but he certainly doesn't compare to The Boz when it comes to off-the-field antics.

He has no desire to do so.

"I always picture linebackers being crazy on the field. But I've had experiences where when you get crazy off the field, you get in trouble," Munford said. "So I try to control my actions and fit in with everybody."

Besides, Munford thinks college

athletes have a responsibility to set a good example to youngsters.

"When you play football at Nebraska, a lot of kids look up to you and dream of being a player someday, of playing for the Big Red," he said.

"Our job as players is to set a good example, be leaders in the right manner. I don't know who's to determine what the right manner is...that's why I try to keep my mouth shut."

Melton acknowledges that side of Munford's personality.

"He's real quiet; he doesn't usually say much," said Melton. "But he can be an ornery devil sometimes."

Like during football games...

Munford admits he had doubts about his being able to come back from reconstructive surgery on his knee.

The comeback hasn't been as easy as it might seem. He's endured a lot of pain, suffered through a lot of long days, when it seemed there was no progress.

Immediately after the knee surgery, which was followed by life-threatening complications that affected his kidneys, Munford wondered...

"Before we lost in the Fiesta Bowl, I was thinking maybe the injury was a sign that I shouldn't play football anymore," he said. "But the first of the year gave me thoughts about starting everything over again."

Encouragement from his wife Shelley — they were married in July — helped in his comeback, as did the support of Nebraska fans, whose interest in his progress became a burden prior to the season-opener against Florida State.

But "the fact that people care, and the fact that some people think it made a difference when I wasn't in there is a compliment," Munford said.

His teammates gave him the ultimate compliment when they elected him a team captain. After being told the results of the voting, he said: "That really puts a spark in me."

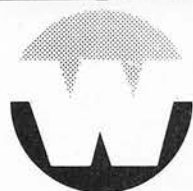
Munford is hoping to put enough spark in the Black Shirt defense on Saturday to contain Oklahoma's ground-oriented offense. He's been waiting since that depressing day a year ago, in the hospital room.

Nebraska-Oklahoma, the showcase game of any Big Eight season.

It's not hatred that makes it so special. "I think it's two programs having respect for each other. Oklahoma respects us for being a football power, and we respect Oklahoma for being a football power," said Munford.

"It's the battle of the giants."

And none stands taller than the quiet senior from Littleton, Colorado. ♦



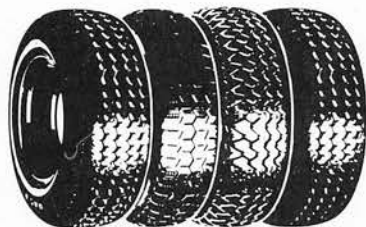
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**W**hich game did the Husker basketball team play last week? Was it the Red-White intersquad game or the Red Cross game? With the rash of injuries to Coach Danny Nee's roundballers, the Huskers definitely needed some disaster relief.

Junior guard Joel Sealer suffered a sprained ankle the week before North Platte hosted the first Red-White game. Sealer, who played in 18 games last year, is expected to recover quickly. But he missed the first public showing of Nee's 1986-87 team, along with forward Mike Martz and freshman forward/center Richard Van Poelgeest. Martz suffered a knee injury but should be ready for the season opener November 15 against the Bosnia (Yugoslavia) team. However, Van Poelgeest, suffered a broken foot and will be out until early December.

From the intersquad game, Beau Reid scored 20 points and led the Red team to a 78-69 win before a packed house at North Platte Community College. Along with Reid's game-high point production, the White team was led by 6-foot-7 junior forward Jeff Releweg with 18 points. Another forward and junior Keith Neubert, scored 14 while walkon Jay Morino also tallied 14. Rounding out the scoring were Chris Carr (six points), Anthony Bailous (four points) and Everett Robinson (two points).

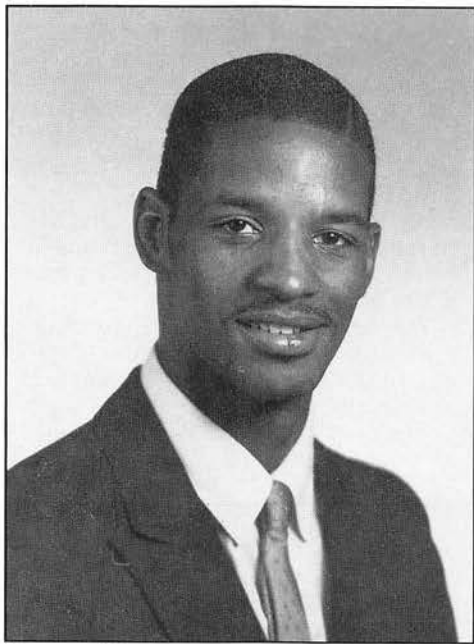
Because of the player shortage caused by injuries, the trio of Carr, Bailous and Robinson also played on the White team.

Eric Johnson, a transfer who is sitting out one year after coming here from Baylor of the Southwest Conference, scored a team-high 17 for the White. He is the brother of Vinny Johnson of the NBA Detroit Pistons. Bernard Day, 6-5 senior forward, and 6-9 senior forward Bill Jackman tossed in 16 points apiece. While splitting time on the White team, Bailous and Robinson scored eight while Carr chipped in four points.

"Even though we had several injuries that made it hard to do the things we wanted, it was a good experience," said assistant coach Arden Reid. "The crowd was great. And pretty loud. It gave the players a great atmosphere for playing basketball."

And the Husker team returned the favor by signing autographs, mingling with fans and putting on pre-game demonstrations.

"It was a lot of fun," said Arden. "It also gave us a better chance to evaluate the players under game conditions. It was also very encouraging to see some of the new kids do well. It



*Bernard Day.*

## INJURIES CLOUD RED- WHITE CONTEST

looks like Johnson is going to contribute real well when he's eligible next year.

"Of course, we're concerned about the injuries and whether or not those kids can contribute this year. I would say that Martz and Sealer will be back pretty soon, but they'll have lost some endurance. It's a shame, too, because they were both coming on strong."

Van Poelgeest, however, faces a major setback, especially because this is his freshman year in a totally new basketball program. The NCAA, which had been investigating his eligibility because of the unique move he made from high school in the Netherlands, has not reported back to Coach Nee as to its results and it may not make much difference for the next month or two as the 6-9 center/forward nurses his broken foot.

Looking ahead to the 1986-87 basketball season, sports writers throughout the Midwest have picked Nebraska to finish in the second division of the Big Eight, with Oklahoma and Kansas the likely picks to win the conference title.

Here's the pre-season prognostication from league sports scribes (first-place votes in parenthesis):

1. Oklahoma (33)	396
2. Kansas (18)	386
3. Iowa State (3)	331
4. Missouri	272
5. Kansas State	178
6. Nebraska	147
7. Oklahoma State	141
8. Colorado	93

Rounding out the writers' pre-season selections was tabbing Danny Manning of Kansas as the Big Eight Player of the Year.

It will be interesting to watch their predictions. The writers have picked the eventual Big Eight champ five of the last seven years.

Last year, Manning helped the Jayhawks to the NCAA final four where they lost to Duke in the opening game.

Evidently, the writers don't think too highly of the four new basketball coaches in the Big Eight this year. Each of their teams have been rated in the second division.

Lon Kruger, former Kansas State player, is taking over for Jack Hartman who retired after a successful career but who suffered recent setbacks against state rival KU which has rebounded under the leadership of Coach Larry Brown.

Leonard Hamilton of Oklahoma State has already gotten an early verbal commitment from schoolboy superstar Richard Dumas out of Tulsa Washington High School, but that wasn't enough to encourage the writ-



ers to pick the Pokes higher than seventh. Hamilton was one of the top assistants at Kentucky last year. During his stint in the bluegrass state, Hamilton was especially known for his recruiting ability and has already raised a few eyebrows after replacing Paul Hansen in Stillwater.

At Colorado, even new coach Tom Miller may not be able to resurrect the faltering Buffaloes.

Raycom Sports will broadcast the following Nebraska basketball games this winter:

Starting the Big Eight package will be the January 10 clash with Kansas

State in Manhattan at 1:10 p.m. Next comes the Colorado matchup in Lincoln, also a 1:10 tipoff on January 17. These are all Saturday telecasts.

Next on the agenda is the Oklahoma State game in Lincoln, this time with a 3:10 tipoff on February 1. That's a Sunday game.

On Saturday, February 7, its the Buffaloes again, this time in Boulder where the tipoff will be at 1:10 p.m., (CST).

Then Coach Nee's team will host Kansas State at UNL on February 14 at 1:10. All games up to this point are against the three other schools with

new coaches, but that changes next.

Come February 21, the Huskers travel to Norman to face Coach Billy Tubbs and the highly ranked Sooners on TV. Tipoff will be at 3:10 p.m.

Wrapping up the television schedule on Raycom will be a season finale matchup with Kansas at 1:10 p.m. in Lincoln.

If Nebraska finishes in the upper division and gets a good draw in the Big Eight tournament in Kansas City, Missouri (which will determine the NCAA tournament designate), the Huskers should be on Raycom a couple of times again, as the regional network has secured the rights for the first six games for broadcast. ABC-Sports has wrapped up the championship game and will broadcast it March 8 at 3:10 p.m.

Here's a brief rundown of what Coach Nee has returning from last year's 19-11 team:

Bernard Day, 13.1 points and 6.6 rebounds per game.

Brian Carr, 11.9 points and 1.7 rebounds per game.

Anthony Bailous, 5.7 points and 1.3 rebounds per game.

Keith Neubert, 0.9 points and 1.0 rebounds per game.

Bill Jackman, 1.1 points and 0.8 rebounds per game.

Mike Martz, 1.0 points and 0.3 rebounds per game.

Joel Sealer, 0.9 points and 0.2 rebounds per game.

Overall, the Huskers return 46.6 percent of the points scored last year but only 39.9 percent of the rebounds.

Dave Hoppen, all-star center on last year's team, contributed heavily to the club's stats last year before suffering a knee injury after 19 games. Drafted by the Atlanta Hawks, he has remained on the UNL campus this fall working to get the knee back in shape. ♦

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11 15	BOSNIA (Yugoslavia)
11 28	California-Irvine
12 1	OREGON
12 6	Creighton
12 10	Southern Illinois
12 13	Texas A&M
12 20	WYOMING
12 22	DETROIT
12 27	MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS
12 29	Rochester Classic (Rochester, NY)
1 3	CREIGHTON
1 5	NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE
1 7	BROOKLYN
1 10	Kansas State
1 17	COLORADO
1 20	Iowa State
1 24	Kansas
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## Banderas Bounces Back At Right Time

Tom Banderas has endured a frustrating junior season as a member of the Cornhusker receiving unit. The 6-foot-2, 235-pound tight end has spent much of the year sidelined due to nagging injuries, from groin to knee ailments.

But Banderas showed Saturday that he was indeed ready to bounce back from adversity and reclaim a lost leadership role once thought to be all his.

Fellow tight end Todd Millikan had assumed that status with Banderas out for much of the year, but when the Oak Grove, Mo., native is healthy, there is no doubt he can be a difference-maker — just as he was against the Jayhawks.

The soft-spoken Husker caught two touchdown passes and finished with four receptions and 39 yards to help spark Nebraska's 70-0 verdict over the hapless Kansas Jayhawks. For his effort, Banderas is this week's Player of the Game.

"Everything really came together today," the Missouri native said with a smile. "It's been a long time since we completely dominated a game."

A large reason for that domination can be attributed to Banderas, whose 10-yard scoring reception from NU quarterback Clete Blakeman was more like the catch of a pro receiver than an

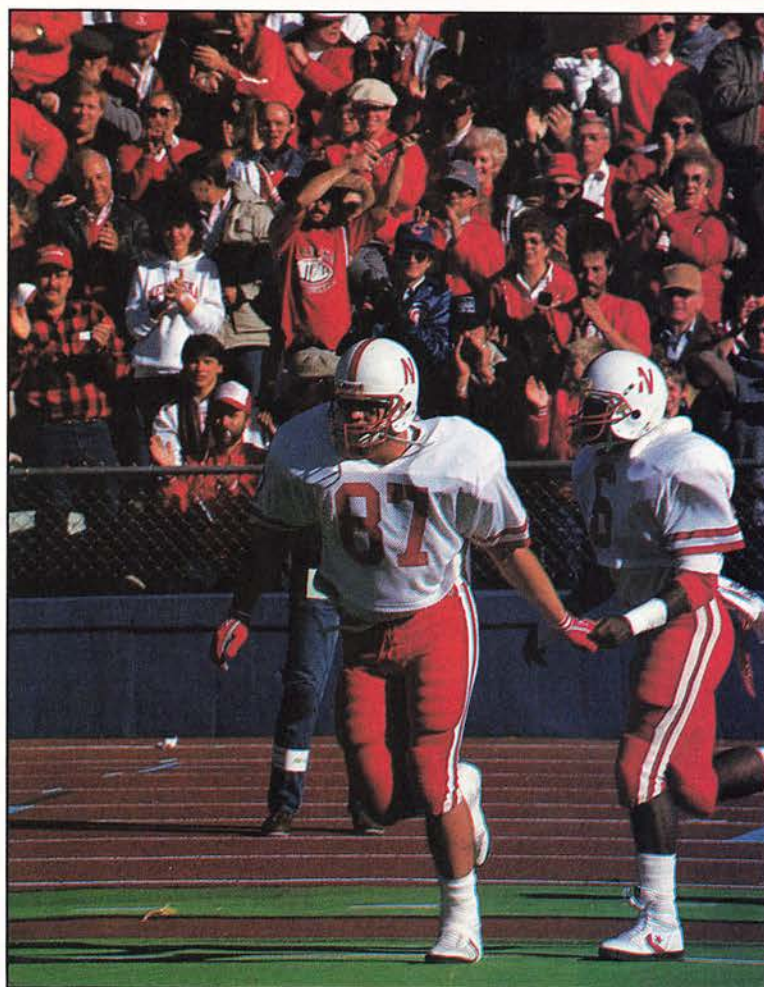
oft-injured collegiate tight end.

"The ball was thrown wide and I just stretched to stick out a hand, and luckily I pulled it in. It felt pretty good."

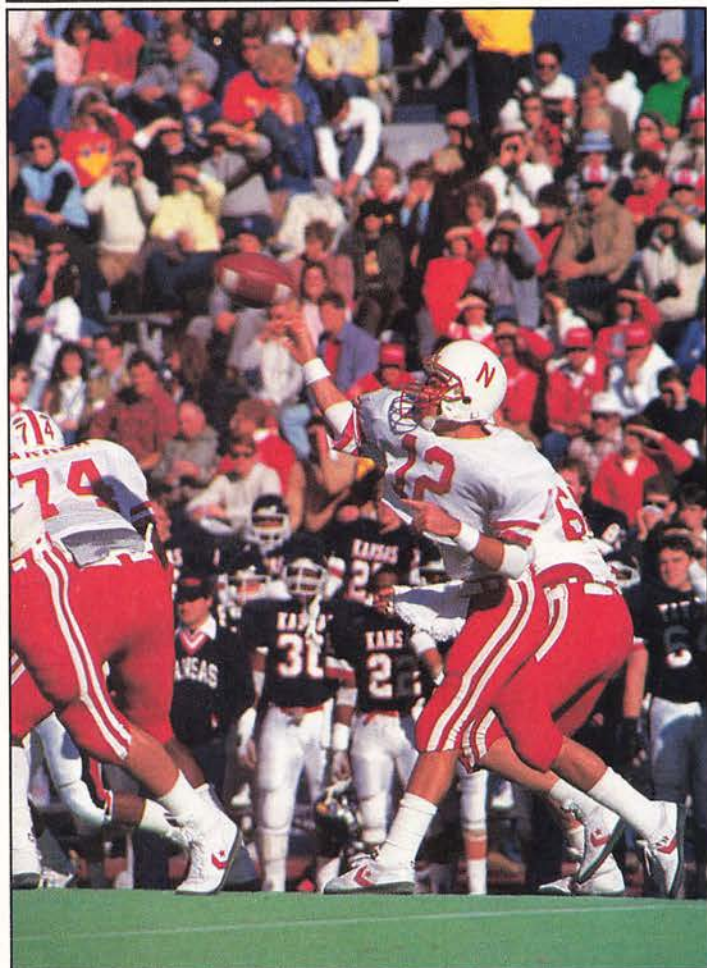
So did the second touchdown, an 11-yard pass from Blakeman in the third quarter located in almost the same spot as the previous reception. Banderas' final

touchdown reception came on his fourth catch of the game, fifth of the season.

Throughout the Missouri tight end's career, he has shown that it doesn't take many receptions for him to get the ball into the end zone. Last season, Banderas had only two catches, both going for touchdowns. ♦







Clete Blakeman lets go on one of his three touchdown passes against the Jays.

## They're Back! Huskers Regroup for OU; Rout Birds, 70-0

by Mark Owens

LAWRENCE, Ks. — Ever since the Colorado loss, Coach Tom Osborne wanted his Husker football team to regain some offensive momentum. Against Kansas State, a blizzard kept Nebraska from throwing and running up and down the field. Mostly the Huskers slid. Effective sliding, yes. But not a real confidence builder. Then came Criner's Last Stand, and Iowa State slowed down the Big Red Machine better than it could divert Jim's Little Pink Slip.

But then came the Jayhawks. Momentum was never so sweet, so thorough, so timely.

By thrashing the Jayhawks, 70-0, the Husker offense performed at a record-setting pace that it hadn't approached all season. All this, just one week before Oklahoma was to invade Lincoln for the annual high-stakes shootout between two of the nation's top offensive teams.

In fact, Nebraska humiliated Kansas even more than Oklahoma did in late October when the

Sooners pounded floundering KU (the 'Hawks' have lost seven straight) by a count of 64-3.

Saturday's landslide was the worst defeat in Kansas history. OU held the previous record with a 65-0 stomping in 1965. No team in history had ever scored 70 points on Kansas. Missouri set the old record with a 69-21 victory in 1945. KU's net rushing total of -21 yards Saturday sank to some of the lowest Jayhawk depths since Hitler's U-boats were sinking Allied merchant ships in the Atlantic. Only one team, the Husker team of 1971, had starved the Jayhawks on less rushing yardage since WW II (-42 in rushing offense).

Starring on last weekend's record-setting Husker team were some rejuvenated offensive soldiers who had missed recent combat because of injuries. Still, just as many offensive headliners missed roll call as those that regained their old form.

For example, tight end Tom

Banderas had been listed as a probable starter before the season began but played in only four games and caught only one before setting a career best against KU. Banderas snared four aeriels, two for touchdowns, as the Huskers put together an effective passing attack (97 yards through the air).

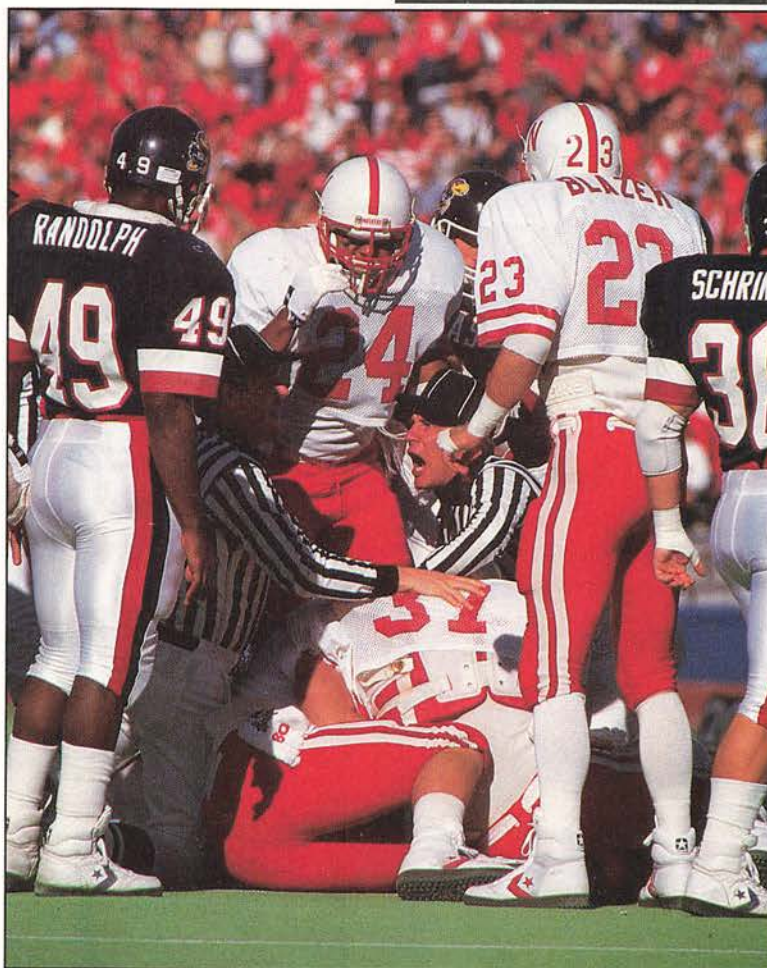
Von Sheppard began fall drills as the number one wingback with projections of greatness from the media and coaches. But he played in only three games before a broken leg against Oregon appeared to end his season. Although his stats were modest against KU (one carry for six rushing yards), his return to the roster added more weapons to the Husker arsenal against Oklahoma. Sheppard's athletic skills are getting closer to 100% of his pre-injury level, NU coaches said after the game.

A lower back injury had kept I-back Jon Kelley sidelined throughout the 1986 campaign, limiting him to only 81 yards on



Officials have a bit of a discussion over possession of the ball on this fumbled kickoff return by Kansas. The Huskers were finally given the ball.

Nebraska's offense scored on 10 of 12 possessions; one drive ended with a punt and the other barely started as time expired.



18 carries before Saturday. Against KU, he responded with 55 yards on only two carries, plus a pair of touchdowns.

Keith Jones made a spectacular return from the injured list in a fashion to rival Banderas' two-TD "Welcome Home Party". Seemingly out for the regular season with a torn tendon in his thumb that he sustained against K-State, Jones has already undergone surgery and been fitted with a cast for game-time competition. The junior I-back proved he was ready to compete Saturday as he ran for a game-high 117 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns to defy early medical predictions that his chances to play football again in 1986 were over. Without showing the effects of a two-week layoff, Jones ran hard up the middle, took pitches without difficulty (even with a cast) and appeared to be his old self.

Some other Husker footballers couldn't say as much. Quarterback Steve Taylor didn't start and never played (he wasn't needed)

as coaches kept him safely on the sideline for more rehabilitation of an injured lower back and sore ribs. Plus, I-back Tyreese Knox and backup tight end Willie Griffin didn't even make the trip to Lawrence as Husker football coaches saddled them with one-game suspensions for disciplinary reasons. Coaches are indicating both players will be given a chance to redeem themselves for the OU game.

KU essentially had no chance. The mismatch was in the line play where Nebraska built the foundation for its record-setting fireworks. Before the day was through, senior place kicker Dale Klein set a modern Husker record with 10 conversion kicks in a single game and broke the all-time record for Kansas opponents. It was Klein's career best.

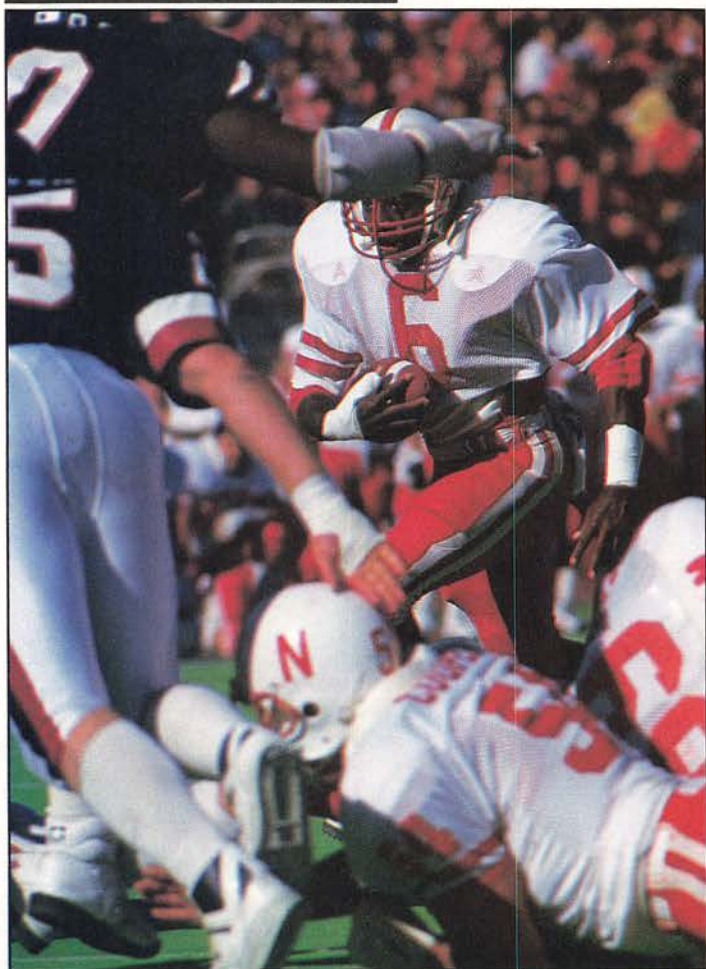
On the defensive side, the Black Shirts posted their lowest rushing total of 1986. The 100-yard total offense effort by the Jayhawks was the 10th lowest in modern KU history.

Essentially, the run-and-shoot offense of KU couldn't run (at least not forward) and the passing attack was geared to short passes, theoretically hit on a regular basis as the foundation of the 'Hawk ball control game. Instead, the hitting was done by the Black Shirts on freshman quarterback Kelly Donohoe, who was sacked five times for 71 yards in losses. All told, Nebraska boasted of 12 defenders who made at least one tackle behind the line of scrimmage.

While Donohoe was struggling because of anemic pass blocking, senior NU quarterback Clete Blakeman posted his best numbers of the season, hitting eight of 12 passes for 94 yards and three — count 'em — three touchdown tosses. Besides Banderas' double dip into the end zone, wingback Dana Brinson hauled in a 19-yard scoring strike late in the first quarter when he outdanced a pair of 'Hawk defenders in the left flat and raced in to score. By



## KANSAS REVIEW



Keith Jones (6) made an early return to the Husker backfield, and was a welcome sight.

In the 1980's, NU has battered Kansas by an average score of 53-7: the most decisive Big Eight rivalry for the Huskers.

that time, the crowd of 48,800 was cheering enthusiastically, not because KU fans loved to see their team drubbed, but because at least half of the Memorial Stadium crowd was clad in Husker red. All seats in the expansive, bowled north end zone were bright red. The compact south end zone bleachers were red through-and-through, and the southwest

section of the stadium was three-quarters red. Sort of a home-away-from-home game.

After Jones scored his two TDs within 11 seconds of each other in the first quarter, the course of events was clearly laid out. To stop Nebraska, the Jayhawks would need Nebraska to stop Nebraska. And the Huskers were on a roll. They had offensive

momentum (587 yards worth). Plus, the Black Shirts had their goose egg (second shutout of the season). All that was left was to haul that momentum onto the team bus, ship it intact back to Lincoln and cage it up securely. Feed it raw meat. Irritate it. Then, when high-rolling Oklahoma comes to town, unleash it. And may the best momentum win. ♦

SEASON RECAP	9/6 FSU	9/20 ILL	9/27 ORE.	10/4 S.CAR	10/11 OSU	10/18 MU	10/25 CU	11/1 KSU	11/8 ISU	11/15 KU	11/22 OU	BOWL	SEASON AVG.
First Downs	24	24	23	20	22	24	16	22	23	34			23
Yards Rushing	297	470	301	242	287	414	123	325	310	490			324
Yards Passing	130	73	95	196	46	110	123	60	-3	97			93
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	5-2	5-1	1-1	3-2	2-1	3-2	4-3	1-1	2-0			3-1
Time of Possession	62%	53%	45%	46%	53%	56%	45%	52%	60%	59%			54%
Third Down Conversions	6-14	7-12	5-15	3-12	5-10	7-15	4-15	6-12	11-15	11-15			7-14
Final Score	34-17	59-14	48-14	27-24	30-10	48-17	10-20	38-0	35-14	70-0			40-13



# Scoring Summary: Nebraska vs. Kansas

Members of the Black Shirt defense congratulate Lawrence Pete after a big play (top), while Clete Blakeman (12) took charge when given the challenge of directing the NU offense.

Nebraska 70, Kansas 0

Nebraska .....	21	14	21	14	— 70
Kansas .....	0	0	0	0	— 0

NU-KU      How They Scored      Time Left

## FIRST QUARTER

7-0      Jones 2 run (Klein kick)      9:21

**Drive:** 80 yards in 14 plays.

**Key Plays:** Jones 21-yard run; Jones 9 run.

14-0      Jones 20 run (Klein kick)      9:10

**Drive:** 20 yards in 1 play.

**Key Plays:** Fumble recovery by Jamrog; TD run by Jones.

21-0      Brinson 19 pass from Blakeman (Klein kick)      2:53

**Drive:** 68 yards in nine plays.

**Key Plays:** Millikan 16 pass; R. Smith 13 pass; Jones sweeps for 7 on fourth down conversion.

## SECOND QUARTER

28-0      Banderas 10 pass from Blakeman (Klein kick)      8:02

**Drive:** 33 yards in 3 plays.

**Key Plays:** Brinson 12 punt return; Heibel 23 run; TD pass.

35-0      Wheeler 2 run (Klein kick)      2:17

**Drive:** 43 yards in 9 plays.

**Key Plays:** A pair of 11-yard runs by Clayton and 12-yarder by Kaelin.

## THIRD QUARTER

42-0      Blakeman 29 run (Klein kick)      12:02

**Drive:** 45 yards in 8 plays.

**Key Plays:** Heibel 15-yard run to the Kansas 29 and TD run.

49-0      Banderas 11 pass from Blakeman (Klein kick)      6:30

**Drive:** 54 yards in 10 plays.

**Key Plays:** Blakeman 10-yard run and Wheeler 13-yard run to KU 22.

56-0      Clayton 27 run (Klein kick)      3:58

**Drive:** 27 yards in one play.

**Key Plays:** Clayton TD run.

## FOURTH QUARTER

63-0      Kelley 15 run (Klein kick)      11:37

**Drive:** 51 yards in nine plays.

**Key Plays:** Rodgers 20-yard gain on two consecutive plays.

70-0      Kelly 32 run (Klein kick)      3:21

**Drive:** 63 yards in eight plays.

**Key Plays:** Dalton runs of 11 and eight yards.

ATTENDANCE: 48,800

## TEAM HIGHS

Nebraska			Opponents		
First downs	34	Kansas	First downs	24	South Carolina
Rushing attempts	74	ISU	Rushing attempts	58	Colorado
Rushing yards	490	Kansas	Rushing yards	182	Colorado
Passes attempted	26	Colorado	Passes attempted	40	Illinois
Passes completed	10	FSU, Colorado	Passes completed	26	South Carolina
Passes had int.	2	Ore., KSU, OSU, CU	Pass had int.	4	Oregon
Passing yards	196	South Carolina	Passing yards	286	South Carolina
Total off. yards	587	Kansas	Total off. yards	377	South Carolina

## TEAM LOWS

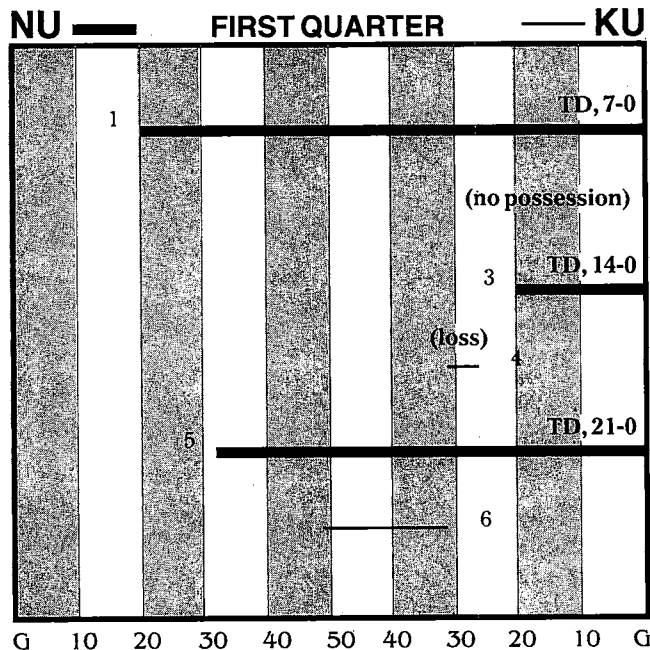
Nebraska			Opponent		
First downs	16	Colorado	First downs	7	Kansas State
Rushing attempts	43	Colorado	Rushing attempts	22	Kansas
Rushing yards	123	Colorado	Rushing yards	-21	Kansas
Passes attempted	9	OSU, ISU	Passes attempted	5	Colorado
Passes completed	1	ISU	Passes completed	2	Colorado, KSU
Passes had int.	0	FSU, USC, MU, ISU	Passes had int.	0	FSU, Colorado
Passing yards	-3	ISU	Passing yards	16	Kansas State
Total off. yards	246	Colorado	Total off. yards	100	Kansas





# Nebraska 70, Kansas 0

November 15, 1986



Saturday, November 15, 1986 at Memorial Stadium, Lawrence, Kansas. Kickoff: 1:30 p.m. Temperature: 50 degrees. Bright sunshine. Wind: 15 m.ph. out of the southwest.

## FIRST QUARTER

KU wins the toss, defers till the second half. Nebraska chooses to receive with KU kicking off from the south end.

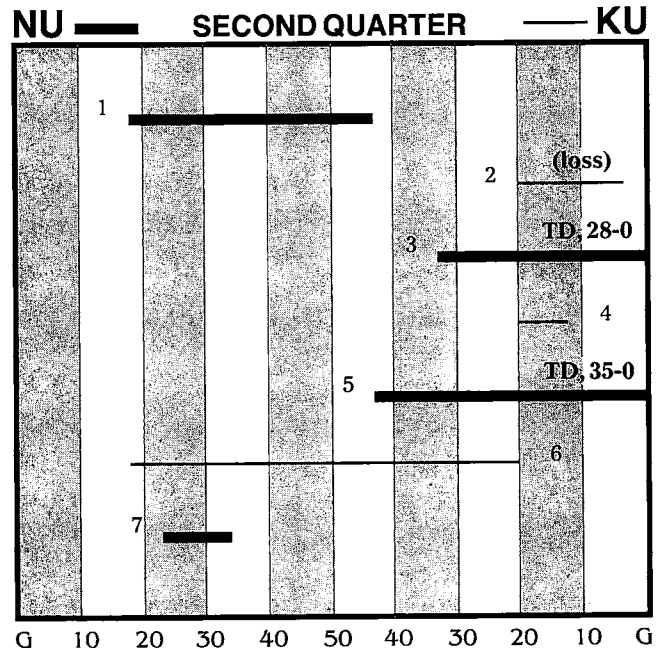
1. NU begins from its 20 following the touchback. Keith Jones starts at I-back and Clete Blakeman calls the signals. On third-and-three from the KU 27, fullback Ken Kaelin bulls three yards for the first down. On second down, Jones takes a pitch right and sprints 21 yards (with a strong block from Kaelin) to the KU 46. After a couple of blasts up the middle by Kaelin, Jones zips up the gut for six to convert on third down to the KU 31. Blakeman rifles a seven-yarder to Robb Schnitzler. Kaelin runs for three yards and another firstdown at the Jayhawk 21. Wingback Dana Brinson tries the reverse but is dropped after gaining only four. Blakeman keeps his first option of the day, a slide of six yards to the host's 11-yard line. Jones shows his power by bulldozing two 'Hawk defenders on his way to the two-yard line, a pickup of nine. Jones takes it in on the next play for the TOUCHDOWN! Dale Klein converts. NU leads, 7-0.

2. KU no possession as Scott Schriner is stopped with a big hit and NU's Jeff Jamrog recovers.

3. NU explodes from the KU 20 as Jones sprints left all the way to PAYDIRT. It's NU 14-0.

4. KU finally takes a snap, starting from its 31. Fullback Mike Rogers is stopped by Chris Spachman for no gain and Broderick Thomas wrestles fullback Arnold Snell for a one-yard loss. Finally, Snell takes a flat pass and retreats to the KU 26. Rich Rieth comes in to punt it 42 yards, no return.

5. NU takes charge from its 32. But a 10-yard holding penalty on the first play moves the Huskers back to their 22. Jones responds with a seven yarder up the middle. Blakeman hits Millikan with a 16-yard pass to pick up the first down at the NU 45. The senior signal caller follows up with a 13-yarder to Rod Smith. On third down, Blakeman comes up short at the KU 34, needing two more for the first. Coach Tom Osborne sends in a sweep play to Jones and he responds with a seven-yarder to the KU 27. Jones gains eight. Then Brinson dazzles the crowd, mostly clad in red, with a 19-yard flat pass reception and TOUCHDOWN. NU leads, 21-0.



6. KU snaps it from the Jayhawk 31 following a 16-yard return. On third down, wide receiver Willie Vaughn pulls in an 11-yarder to get the first down at the KU 49. Snell tries to sneak outside but is dropped by linebacker Kevin Parson after gaining two. Next, Spachman tosses Donohoe for an eight-yard loss back to the Kansas 43. On third down, KU gets eight on a pass and the drives stalls at the NU 49. Rieth punts 35 yards to the NU 13 where Brinson faircatches, but KU is called for interference.

## SECOND QUARTER

1. NU starts from its 18 following the five-yard assessment. Heibel gains four. I-back Jeff Wheeler picks up five, slipping before reaching a big hole. On third down, Jones breaks several tackles on a sideline bull-ride of 12 to the NU 39. Keeping the drive alive, Tom Banderas picks up 12 on a quick shot over the middle for the first down at KU's 45. Banderas strikes again on third down as he hauls in a six-yard pass from Blakeman, but he's four-yards short of the first down at the KU 39. Nebraska tries to draw KU offside, but gets a delay of game call instead pushing it back to the KU 43 where John Kroeker punts it through the end zone.

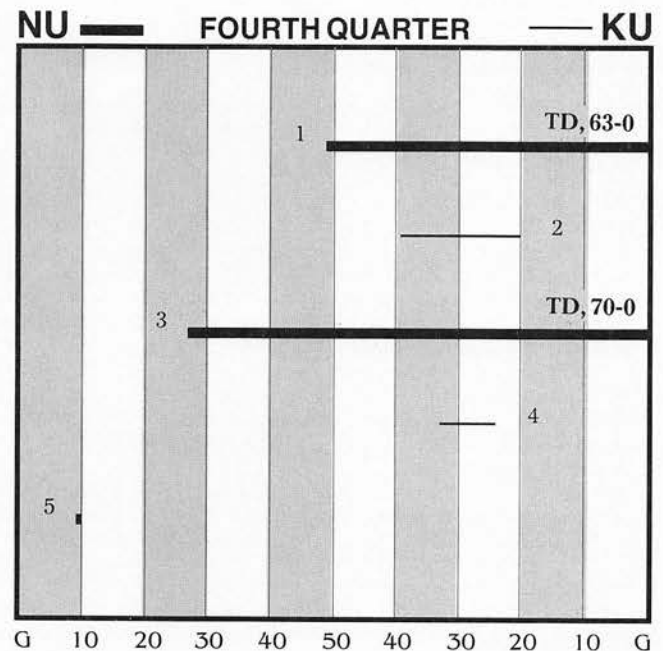
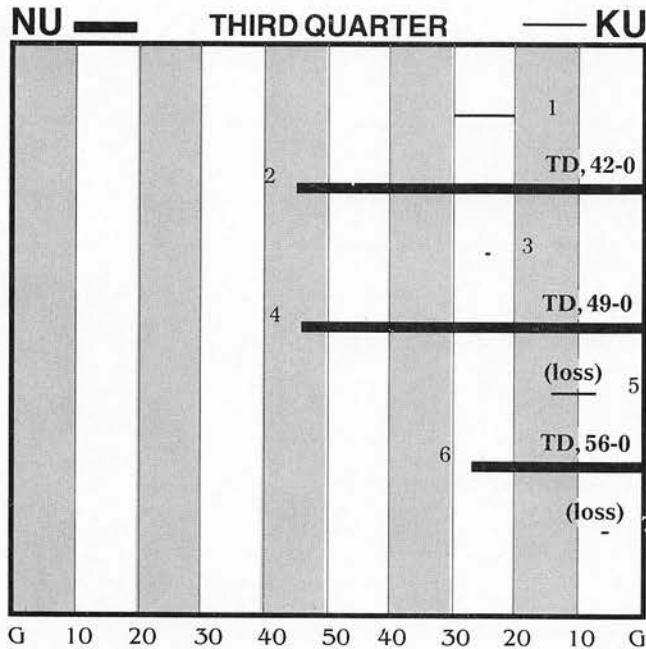
2. KU starts from its 20, but finds rough sledding immediately as Donohoe is dropped for an 18-yard loss by Jamrog and the 'Hawk QB is called for intentional grounding, making it second and 29 from the KU 2. Then the Hawks run it safely up the middle where they get back to the three-yard line. Rieth punts 42 yards and Brinson returns it 12.

3. NU starts from the KU 33. Micah Heibel busts out of trap play for 23 yards to the KU 10. Two plays later, Banderas makes a stretching catch deep in the end zone for the TOUCHDOWN. NU leads, 28-0.

4. KU takes control from its 20. Kansas launches its air attack but no Jayhawks can land with the ball on two incompletions and Donohoe trips by himself for an eight-yard loss to the KU 12. Rieth punts from his endzone, sending the short kick to the KU 43 thanks to a favorable bounce.

5. NU gets untracked at the KU 43, where McCathorn Clayton comes in as quarterback and promptly picks up 11 yards on his first snap. After a holding call against the Cornhuskers, Clayton responds with another 11 yarder. On third down, Clayton continues his one-man show by picking up six yards on a keeper plus the first down at the KU 22. Then





Wheeler pulls in three yarder from Clayton. Kaelin gains 12 up the middle for a first down on the KU 6. But the KU defense stiffens for two snaps before Wheeler scores his TOUCHDOWN of the season. NU leads 35-0.

6. KU tries it again, this time from the 20 following Klein's boot into the end zone. KU struggles momentarily but Snell breaks one up the middle and sprints 25 yards to the NU 43. Three plays later, Donohoe hits Vaughn for 18 yards and a first down to the NU 18. Pass incomplete. However, Munford intercepts to stop the drive and he returns it to the NU 23.

7. NU gets underway from its 23 and Wheeler picks up 11 to the 34 where first-half action ends.

#### THIRD QUARTER

1. KU starts from its 20 after the touchback. Vaughn pulls in a 10-yard pass from Donohoe. On second down, linebacker Kevin Parsons almost intercepts and one play later, the drive ends with another broken up pass having only reached the KU 30. Rieth punts only 30 yards and Smith returns it five yards.

2. NU starts gets untracked at its 45. On third-and-one, though, Blakeman fumbles for no gain at the NU 45. Still, the Huskers go for it and Jones gets the first down by a hair, reaching the KU 44. Two plays later, Heibel hops up the middle for 15 to the KU 29. From there, Blakeman executes the option perfectly and zips around left end all the way. TOUCHDOWN! NU leads, 42-0.

3. KU begins at the 'Hawk 25 after a 20-yard kickoff return. Kansas produces two incompletions and a run up the middle for no gain. Still anchored on the KU 25, Rieth enters to punt it 28 yards, fair catch.

4. NU takes control at its 46. On third-and-five, Blakeman scrambles out of the pocket for 10 yards and picks up the first down at KU's 39. Two plays later, Wheeler break to the outside for a 13-yard gain. Von Sheppard reverses right for six yards from the wing back position. On third down, Blakeman keeps right for three yards, but he's a yard short. Wheeler leaps over the middle for two to convert on fourth down. Then Banderas is open in the end zone and Blakeman hits him from 11 yards out for the tight end's second TOUCHDOWN! NU leads, 49-0.

5. KU starts from its 14 as a furious Nebraska coverage team swarms the play. On first down, Donohoe is stuffed for an eight-yard loss to the KU six. Finally, Black Shirts pulverize the 'Hawk ground game with another loss, this time back to the KU seven. Rieth punts 33 yards and Terry Rodgers returns it 13 yards.

6. NU takes over on the KU 27. Clayton takes it in on the first play as he zig-zags all over the field. TOUCHDOWN! NU leads, 56-0.

7. KU starts on its six-yard line, but Ronnie Caldwell hauls in a 26-yard pass from Donohoe to the NU 32. Defensive end Jon Marco makes a 20-yard tackle on Donohoe back to the KU 5. Rieth punts 46 yards; Jayhawks down it.

#### FOURTH QUARTER

1. NU starts from its 49 with Clayton calling the signals. Terry Rodgers gains seven on first down. Tight end Hendley Hawkins reverses for six yards and the first down. After reaching the KU 26, however, the Huskers pitch badly and the ball bounces back to the KU 33. But Rodgers breaks for 13 on the next play. Rodgers carries again for five to the KU 15. Jon Kelley gains 15 and scores TOUCHDOWN! NU leads 63-0.

2. KU starts from its 20 following the touchback. The drive stalls at the KU 39 after picking up one first yard. Rieth punts 44 yards, no gain on the return.

3. NU starts from its 27. Dalton runs for 14 yards to pick up the first at the Huskers 47. Dalton goes again, this time seven yards to the KU 40. The tight end reverse to Hawkins is stuffed for no gain on first down. Dalton gains eight to the KU 32 bringing up third-and-two. Kelley breaks up the middle in a tremendous hole for 32 yards and TOUCHDOWN. NU leads 70-0.

4. KU starts at its 24 as shadows cover two-thirds of the field. Nothing has changed, though, and the Jayhawks can only pick up nine yards to the 33 before Rieth enters to punt yet again. He boots it 51 yards and Rodgers loses two yards on the return, only to have the situation worsened with a clipping call.

5. NU breaks camp at their nine-yard line and runs out the clock without taking a snap. **FINAL SCORE: Nebraska 70, Kansas 0.**



## McCartney Picks Huskers

Colorado Head Coach Bill McCartney rates the giants of the Big Eight Conference, and two of America's top teams. His Buffaloes escaped the Sooners with more self respect intact than many OU foes, and McCartney carries a treasured Husker scalp on his victory belt for at least one year. Sure, he beat 'em, but he likes the Huskers...

**Quarterbacks:** "As I look at Oklahoma and Jamelle Holieway, his execution of the wishbone is the best I've seen."

"With Nebraska, Steve Taylor must be in the ball game. Taylor's speed and ability to scramble is really needed in there because Oklahoma is going to put pressure on the quarterback. Taylor's ability to improvise, ad-lib and make plays when the receivers are covered or there's immediate pressure is going to be critical to Nebraska's consistency because they'll make some first downs and move the ball but, against Oklahoma, they're going to give you a bad play. They jump around so much on defense."

"I would say there is more of a dropoff when Clete Blakeman comes in for Nebraska than when Mitchel plays for OU. I just don't think Blakeman can scramble as well as Taylor. And whoever is playing quarterback for Nebraska is going to be scrambling."

**Passing game:** "Even though Blakeman is probably the best passer of all those quarterbacks, the key for option teams is speed and that means Taylor must be in the game for Nebraska even if they get behind. Although I would say the passing game is about equal for both teams, you can rest assured they will try things you've never seen before. The passing game may be a non-issue or something tricky could be the big play because both teams have enough good receivers to really hurt you."

**Ground game:** "Dana Brinson and Keith Jones can really make a big play for Nebraska if you make a mistake. I don't subscribe to the theory that Jones cannot run tough up the middle. We had some success stopping him, but that was a matter of circumstance. With a healthy fullback, Nebraska can be effective up the middle, but I would have to give an

overall edge to Oklahoma because of all the speed they can throw at you from different positions, from quarterback to fullback to halfback."

"Oklahoma is playing well now. When you run the option and you don't turn the ball over for two games in a row like they have now and not that many times all year, that's going to be the key."

**Offensive line:** Oklahoma has an advantage in the offensive line. Not a great advantage but I will give them the nod here. But I'll tell you one thing, their center will need help. He didn't block our noseguard and he's not going to stop Danny Noonan by himself. OU better give that center help."

**Defensive line:** "Nebraska has an advantage here, especially in the middle."

**Linebackers:** "It's pretty clear cut here. Oklahoma has great linebackers and it's hard to take anything away from Bosworth. But with Marc Munford and Kevin Parsons, Nebraska has the kind of linebackers that can stop the wishbone. It's not necessary to be Superman to stop OU. It helps, but it's not necessary. Call OU the better linebackers but Nebraska is more than good enough here to win."

**Secondary:** "Again I think Oklahoma has a slight edge here because of their quickness. People have passed on Nebraska and I think a good throwing quarterback could throw on them. I'm just not sure Oklahoma has that kind of thrower."

**Kicking game:** "It's almost a tossup with maybe a slight edge to Nebraska. Both teams have good return guys. Nebraska has been better consistently at kickoff returns. Both teams cover kicks well but I like Nebraska's punter over the OU punter."

**The Final Analysis:** "It's going to be a low scoring game that's decided by field position and turnovers. I've seen them both play, and I've got to go with Nebraska because of their consistency. You can't really put a score on it and be fair to these teams but I'm fairly confident it's going to be very close, and in a low-scoring game that means one or two points will decide it. I'm pulling for Nebraska by a couple of points." ♦

## Lamley Picks Sooners to Squeak

Once again the battle for the Big Eight Conference Championship comes down to another tango between the Big Red of the north (Nebraska) and the Big Red of the south (Oklahoma). ABC broadcaster Jim Lamley has taken in his share of these climactic duels and sees the 1986 showdown between the Sooners and the Huskers shaping up this way:

**To win, Nebraska's offense has to provide more imagination:** "On occasion in the past when Nebraska has won the game they've often done so with imagination. I think they need to be imaginative. They need to make use of the multiplicity of their offense and force Oklahoma to be concerned over a lot of different things on defense. I'd like to see Nebraska come out and throw on first down a few times in the first quarter and not allow Oklahoma to gang up on the running game. I think where Nebraska gets into trouble is where they get locked into a sheer physical struggle with a team that is a bit more fiery and more competitive in tense man-to-man confrontation. I can remember times in the past when they've fooled Oklahoma on the fumblerooski play. I'm not saying trick plays will win the game, but in the confines of their regular offense they can do a lot of different things, particular when Taylor's playing."

**Defensively, the Huskers have to take away the fullback:** "I think it's no secret you have to take the wishbone away one step at a time. Oklahoma is going to come out and test the middle and you've got to stop Lydell Carr and Earl Johnson. You've got to stop the fullbacks and then you're faced with a hell of a choice at corner because obviously Holieway can kill you if you play the pitch too hard. It's a guessing game. You want to go out to the corner and stay as even in manpower as often as possible. But in order to do that, you're going to need really strong play from the noseguard in stopping the fullback. If they give up five yards a pop to Lydell Carr, Nebraska will not win the game."

**Oklahoma needs to take away NU weapons on defense:** "It's pretty much the same defense. What they want to do is take some of Nebraska's weapons away. I would like to see Oklahoma play more aggressive than they did against Miami. Be disruptive and make use of their physical, forceful capabilities of those defensive players. I would go after Taylor (Steve). He's been out a week — try to get him a little bit uncertain early in the game. If you can take away the passing attack then Oklahoma has them where they want them. Matching ground games head-to-head, Oklahoma is hard to beat. They need to try to shake Nebraska's confidence in being able to use all of its weapons."

**Offensively, Oklahoma needs to neutralize Noonan:** "Block the middle and get the fullback going. The wishbone is very simple. It's a fullback, quarter back offense. If you can make a hole in the middle and force the defense to worry about ganging up on Carr — then you'll go out and Holieway is smart enough at the corners to know where the mismatches are. He's a brilliant technician in going out to the corner and knowing when to pitch and when to keep the ball."

**Kicking game is where both teams are even:** "Because of Klein (Dale), who I regard as a more experienced kicker and a longer range kicker than Lashar (Tim), I would say the kicking games are even, maybe Oklahoma is a little better punting team. But Nebraska is a slightly better place kicking team with Klein and his deep background of experience — although Lashar has great experience and has been successful too."

**Prediction:** "The game is in Lincoln. If I had to pick a winner, I'd pick Oklahoma by a field goal." ♦





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## Huskers Lure KU With Trick "Banana"

Tom Banderas enjoyed a banana split Saturday against Kansas. He had some help building his treat, though, as quarterback Clete Blakeman through an option pass to Banderas, running a "banana" route to the deep corner of the end zone. By making a diving, one-handed catch, Banderas scooped up his first touchdown of the year and helped teammate Blakeman to the most productive day of his career. This scoring strike, 30-Pass, is Saturday's Play of the Game.

"Clete threw the ball exactly where it had to be," said Nebraska receiver coach Gene Huey. "Overall, Blakeman did an outstanding job in his first start; we put 70 points on the board, he audibled well and threw some great passes. He hit Todd Millikan and Rod Smith with a couple of outstanding passes."

The success of 30-Pass in particular can be directly attributed to the Husker option threat which pulled Jayhawk defenders out of position. Set in a two-tight end formation, the Huskers exploded with the snap as if the play were going to pinch down on the left-side defensive end.

Kansas had split its down

linemen very wide with the tackle and defensive end head-up over Nebraska's offensive tackles and tight ends. Banderas, who would finish the day with four receptions and two touchdowns, released to the inside and swept back toward the far corner of the end zone.

However, while he was breaking on his pass route, Blakeman was sliding down the line with an eye open for the ever-present I-back pitch. KU got an eye-full of that too, with the on-side corner man and safety freezing momentarily

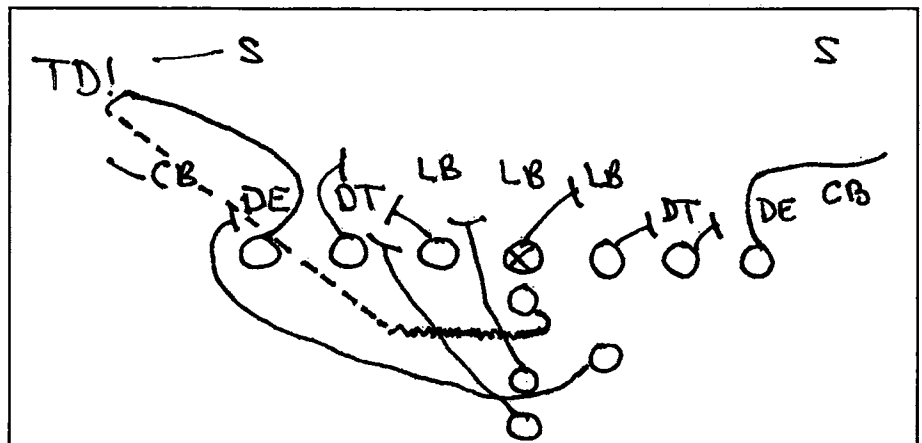
to read the option.

Reading too slowly, though, KU was caught with Banderas behind the coverage. Blakeman lofted a soft pass which the Husker tight end scooped in with one hand and crashed to the turf for a spectacular TD.

"I definitely gained confidence because, last week against Iowa State, I missed a couple of blocks due to the fact I didn't play the last five games," said Banderas.

But he's playing now, during the high stakes of November. If NU quarterbacks continue to find Banderas in the right place at the right time, these pass-catch specialists may give up their "banana splits" for some holiday Orange punch. ♦

### PLAY OF THE GAME





# Statistics: Nebraska vs. Kansas

## TEAM STATISTICS

	GAME		SEASON	
	NU	KU	NU	OPP
First downs	34	9	232	127
First downs rushing	28	1	177	50
First downs passing	6	7	41	63
First downs penalty	0	1	14	14
Rushing attempts	71	22	612	378
Yards gained rushing	502	55	3507	1245
Yards lost rushing	12	76	248	416
Net yards rushing	490	-21	3259	829
Net yards passing	97	121	943	1392
Passes attempted	13	28	148	254
Passes completed	9	14	64	117
Passes had intercepted	0	1	9	13
Total plays	84	50	760	632
Net yards	587	100	4202	2221
Avg. gain/play	6.9	2.0	5.6	3.4
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-1	28-15	24-12
Penalties-yards	5-37	6-44	67-578	69-544
Intercept-yards	1-5	0-0	13-127	9-58
Punt-yards	1-43	10-376	41-1637	75-3047
Avg. per punt	43.0	37.6	39.9	40.9
Punt ret.-yards	6-32	0-0	47-654	17-75
Kick ret.-yards	0-0	7-108	29-569	53-615
Possession time	35:16	24:44	318:03	281:57
3rd down conversions	11-15	4-14	69-144	50-155
4th down conversions	3-3	0-0	12-16	2-10

## INDIVIDUAL SEASON STATS

**Rushing:** Keith Jones 149 carries, 847 yards gained, 58 yards lost, 789 net yards, 5.3 avg., 78 long gain, 13 TDs; Steve Taylor 107, 577, -84, 493, 4.5, 46, 9; Tyreese Knox 69, 432, -20, 412, 6.0, 92, 2; Ken Kaelin 64, 374, -5, 369; 5.8; 28, 2; Dana Brinson 34, 287, -10, 277, 8.1, 63, 2; Micah Heibel 54, 303, -1, 302, 5.5, 22, 2.

**Receiving:** Dana Brinson 12 catches for 154 yards, 12.8 avg., 36 long gain, 1 TD; Todd Millikan 10, 218, 21.8, 73, 4; Rod Smith 10, 154, 15.4, 26, 0; Jason Gamble 8, 111, 13.9, 21, 0; Robb Schnitzler 7, 111, 15.8, 33, 1.

**Passing:** Taylor 43 completions in 104 attempts, 42.3% accuracy, 677 yards, 6 int., 6 TD, 73 long gain; Clete Blakeman 17, 37, 45.9%, 242, 2, 4, 29; McCathorn Clayton 2, 6, 33%, 24, 1, 1, 21.

**Punt Returns:** Dana Brinson 26 returns 282 yards, 10.8 avg. per return, 39 long gain, 0 TD; Rod Smith 12, 227, 18.9, 63, 1. Kickoff Returns: Dana Brinson 24 returns for 278 yards, 21.3 avg. per return, 39 long gain, 0 TD; Terry Rodgers 6, 78, 13.0, 26, 0.

## INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATS

**Linemen:** Broderick Thomas 35 unassisted tackles and 17 assisted tackles for 52, 2 QB sacks for 14 yards, 11 tackles for 48 yards in losses; Danny Noonan 25 and 20 for 45, 6-37, 12-62; Tony Holloway 25 and 12 for 37; 1-3, 10-24; Lee Jones 21 and 11 for 32, 0-0, 5-9; Chris Spachman 20 and 9 for 29, 0-0, 4-17.

**Linebackers:** Marc Munford 41 unassisted tackles and 33 assisted tackles for 74, 3 QB sacks for 22 yards, 7 tackles for 34 yards in losses; Kevin Parsons 35 and 26 for 51, 0-0, 1-2; LeRoy Etienne 20 and 17 for 37, 1-1, 1-1.

**Defensive Backs:** Bryan Siebler 27 unassisted tackles and 9 assisted tackles for 36, 3 int., 2 passes broken up; Charles Fryar 30 and 12 for 42, 2, 8; Brian Davis 20 and 8 for 28, 1, 5; Mark Blazek 14 and 10 for 14, 2 and 0; Jeff Tomjack 15 and 5 for 20, 0, 0.

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

### Rushing

**KU** — Donohoe 7 carries, -57 yards, 0 TD, 2 long gain; Snell 13, 53, 0, 25; Rogers 2, 0, 0, -1

**NU** — Jones 15 carries, 117 yards, 2 TD, 21 long gain; Blakeman 11, 61, 1, 27; Kelley 4, 55, 2, 32; Clayton 8, 53, 1, 27; Heibel 4, 45, 0, 23; Wheeler 6, 41, 1, 13; Dalton 6, 40, 0, 11; Kaelin 8, 37, 0, 12; Rodgers 3, 25, 0, 13; Hawkins 2, 6, 0, 6; Sheppard 1, 6, 0, 6; Brinson 3, 4, 0, 4.

### Passing

**KU** — Donohoe 28 attempts, 14 completions, 1 interception, 121 yards, 0 TD, 22 long gain.

**NU** — Blakeman 12 attempts, 8 completions for 94 yards, 3 TDs, 19 long gain; Clayton 1, 1, 3, 0, 3.

### Receiving

**KU** — Vaughn 4 catches, 52 yards, 0 TD, 18 long gain; Snell 3, 2, 0, 8; Samuel 2, 17, 0, 15; Quick 2, 12, 0, 7; Rogers 1, 9, 0, 9; Caldwell 1, 22, 0, 22; Harvey 1, 7, 0, 7.

**NU** — Banderas 4 catches, 39 yards, 2 TD, 12 long gain; Brinson 1, 19, 1, 19; Millikan 1, 16, 0, 16; R. Smith 1, 13, 0, 13; Schnitzler 1, 7, 0, 7;

### Punting

**KU** — Rieth 10 kicks for 376 yards, 37.6 avg., 51 long punt.

**NU** — Kroeker 1 kick for 43 yards, 43.0 avg., 43 long punt.

### All Returns

**KU** — Schriener 5 kickoffs for 79 yards; Rogers 2 kickoffs for 29 yards.

**NU** — Rodgers 3 punts for 15 yards; Brinson 2 punts for 12 yards; R. Smith 1 punt for 5 yards; Munford 1 interception for 5 yards.

## Tackles

**KU** — Ziegler 8 unassisted, 6 assisted for 14; Avery 3 and 4 for 7; Carlson 2 and 4 for 6; Steinhauer 4 and 2 for 6; Mattox 2 and 4 for 6; Bredesen 5 and 0 for 5; Granderson 2 and 3 for 5; Newman 3 and 1 for 4; Stewart 4 and 0 for 4; Yarnell 2 and 2 for 4; Henson 2 and 2 for 4; Hoover 0 and 4 for 4; Fisher 3 and 1 for 4; Harder 1 and 3 for 4; Forte 0 and 3 for 3; Shields 2 and 1 for 3; Randolph 2 and 1 for 3; Lofton 1 and 2 for 3; Gamble 1 and 1 for 2; Garner 1 and 0 for 1; Schriener 1 and 0 for 1.

**NU** — Marco 4 and 1 for 5; Blazek 3 and 2 for 5; Smith 3 and 1 for 4; Etienne 2 and 2 for 4; Fryar 4 and 0 for 4; Jamrog 3 and 0 for 3; Tomjack 1 and 2 for 3; Spachman 2 and 0 for 2; Parsons 2 and 0 for 0; Washington 0 and 2 for 2; Davis 2 and 0 for 2; Tyrer 1 and 0 for 1; Thomas 1 and 0 for 1; Holloway 0 and 1 for 1; Noonan 1 and 0 for 1; Welniak 1 and 0 for 1; Rogers 0 and 1 for 1; Custard 1 and 0 for 1; Hicks 1 and 0 for 1.





# Big Red North vs. Big Red South Predictions

**Stu Osterthun, *Daily Independent*, Grand Island, Nebraska.** "There is not much difference between the two teams, regardless if it is in Norman or Lincoln when they play this game. It is always a good game. It looks to me like Oklahoma has a little bit too much overall talent for Nebraska this year. I don't think either team will blow out the other. I do think it will be a 14 or 17 point margin. I would have to say, **Oklahoma, 35 to 17.** OU has too much for anybody in the league this year. If Oklahoma would go flat, it might change things, but I don't see that, Barry Switzer is too good a motivator."

**John Brooks, "Voice Of The Sooners", Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.** "I like 27 to 0, or 27 to 7, Oklahoma Sooners. I just don't believe Nebraska has the offensive team they have had in the past, in my opinion. I think because it is the Oklahoma-Nebraska game, they will play the Sooners tough defensively. Oklahoma is playing so well right now. Mechanically, the Sooners are not beating themselves-and because of that, I don't think anybody else can beat them. **Oklahoma, 27 to 7.**"

**Steve Landtroop, KSEO Radio, Durant, Oklahoma.** "There is a GREAT football machine in Norman, Oklahoma. We must hope that Miami gets in a position to play OU again even though I don't think it will come to pass. Miami will avoid Oklahoma at all costs, too much of a risk for them. If the pollsters or the press put the heat on Jimmy Johnson, he might have to do it. Let's run an ad in the Miami papers. Anyway, the Sooners have Nebraska to play. OU will play another super game against the Huskers. I'll keep it respectable, **Oklahoma, 28 to 10.** The Sooners will move the ball better on Nebraska than they did against Colorado. The Buffs have a good team and rotten fans. I hope that was not a deliberate shot at

Jamelle's eye, I wonder about that. Oklahoma teams always give the best Tom Osborne has to offer a real challenge. This time Dr. Tom does not have enough, the real Big Red, OU, of course, will come through as the real champions that they are."

**Dave Sittler, *Tulsa Tribune*, Tulsa, Oklahoma.** "Forget the fact that Nebraska scored 70 points against Kansas. Offensively, the Cornhuskers are hurting physically at the skilled positions and their line is suspect. Don't forget the fact that it took a fluke play for the Huskers to score on Oklahoma last year. If football fans enjoy watching two great defensive teams go at it, they should love this one. **Oklahoma will win, 17 to 3.**"

**Mike Kelly, *World-Herald*, Omaha, Nebraska.** "Nebraska looked very good against Kansas, but Oklahoma probably has too much team speed for the Huskers. NU could win with a superior effort from their offensive line and quarterback Steve Taylor, plus if the defense grabs some turnovers. The better team doesn't always win when Nebraska and Oklahoma meet, but I do believe Oklahoma is the better team. I'll say **Oklahoma, 28, Nebraska, 14.**"

**Jack Donoghue, *Citizen*, Holdrege, Nebraska.** "It is going to be a mismatch to the point that I think Oklahoma has the strength, speed, and consistency that Nebraska does not have. That is both on offense and defense, and more so on defense. Nebraska will be hard up to make a game of it, although at Lincoln it could be pretty tough for a half. In the long run, I don't think Nebraska has the people to stay with Oklahoma. Unless everything falls apart, I guess Oklahoma will win by a couple of touchdowns. Something like **Oklahoma, 24 to 7,** unless it gets out of hand. From Nebraska's standpoint, I just hope it doesn't get out of hand, and it could, because Oklahoma just has too much

muscle. Steve Taylor, even healthy, is only about 60% of what Jamelle Holieway is."

**Dean Blevins, *Tulsa Cable SPORTSCENE*, Tulsa, Oklahoma.** "It is a pleasure watching this Sooner version operate — skilled, disciplined, and that confident style. Maybe they are the best of all time. Although the rest of the Big Eight is inept, OU continues to improve and are ready for the Huskers. QB Taylor is better on paper than on the field...his backfield is only adequate. The Huskers should not score more than ten points. The Nebraska defense is sound, but they won't shut down the deep Oklahoma offense — they never have. The Sooner Faithful pray for a Pittsburgh miracle and potential Miami rematch while the Sooners handle the Huskers **27 to 7.**"

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Lee Sapp's Pick  
Nebraska 20  
Oklahoma 17**

**Bob Barry, Jr., KTVY-TV, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.** "I think Oklahoma is the much better team. The Kansas-Nebraska game was a little bit deceptive as far as Nebraska scoring 70 and Oklahoma scoring 64 on the Jayhawks. That might lead people to think the Huskers are better than Oklahoma. Not so. Kansas is the worst team in the Big Eight and folded their tent a few weeks ago. Steve Taylor is a bit of a disappointment from Nebraska's standpoint, he has been inconsistent more than anything. While Jamelle Holieway as a first full year starter has earned plaudits for being consistent, that was the kind of thing that made OU go. OU's stats tell the story, they are a far better team than Nebraska. Oklahoma may not get a shutout this weekend, but I think they will win, **20 to 7.**"



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# Huskers... Confidentially

Oklahoma's Brian Bosworth is set to defend his title as the nation's top linebacker when the second annual Butkus Award is announced Dec. 11 in Orlando, Fla.

Bosworth was selected last week as one of five finalists, the others being Cornelius Bennett of Alabama, Shane Conlan of Penn State, Bryon Evans of Arizona and Chris Spielman of Ohio State. If the outlandish linebacker from Norman forgoes his senior year, he will be part of what amounts to a four-man draft, experts say. It's quite a foursome they're predicting, too. You



Clete Blakeman

might call it Vinny and the Three Bears: quarterback Testaverde of Miami plus Bennett, Bosworth and Conlan. That's right, three of this year's top draft picks could be linebackers. With this kind of competition, Bosworth will be hard pressed to retain his title, and, remember, most pro scouts predict Bennett will be drafted ahead of Boz.

Who do you believe?

Sports Illustrated Senior Editor Bill Colson denied emphatically the magazine was in

the process of gathering information that would link the University of Nebraska's football program to a variety of NCAA infractions and that such a story would appear in a forthcoming issue. In fact, Colson claims he'd heard nothing about a Nebraska expose. "All I can say is I'm not doing a story and Doug Looney (SI senior writer) isn't doing a story. 'But,' Colson added, 'That doesn't mean someone else might not be writing one.' In fact, someone is. SI investigative sports writer Armen Keteyian. Keteyian was in Lincoln for an extended period of time investigating allegations that include the use of steroids by players; rehashing of questions surrounding the leasing of injured running back Doug DuBose' car and possible illegalities concerning Husker boosters.

"I talked to him a few times and he told me the same thing (about the investigation)," DuBose conceded. "But, I don't know if everything that will come out in the magazine will be true. I haven't really talked to him and told him anything. I don't know if my response to some of his questions will be in there or not. DuBose said the topic of Keteyian's conversation included occurrences that date back six or seven years. 'He said a few things (concerning) my car and basically a lot of things that was going on in the summer and a lot of the controversy that went on before the season started. He said a few things I really

don't want to go into them. He hit on a few things I guess from the last six or seven years they said this has been going on,' DuBose recalled. 'I guess they're really looking into us trying to write a story on Nebraska knowing all the time you're going to get a good story when people are mad at you.'"

Members of the Sugar Bowl selection committee held their collective breath when the SEC flirted with bolting the College Football Association's television package with CBS for an offer from ABC television to join the Pac-10 and Big-10 packages. The SEC had earlier agreed to the deal before reneging under pressure from fellow CFA schools who threatened a boycott of the Sugar Bowl and in addition, threatened to abstain from scheduling any SEC institution should the Conference

follow through on its plans to leave the association. "The fear was if they had pulled away, it would have splintered the group badly," said committee member Jerry Romig. "My personal feeling is I'm glad the CFA stayed strong. Either network



Keith Jones

is a good network for the SEC. They're both strong." The Sugar Bowl, which links up with the SEC champion, is in the final year of a contract

## NEBRASKA vs. OKLAHOMA

**When:** 1:30 p.m. (CST), Saturday, November 22, 1986.

**Where:** Memorial Stadium (Capacity — 73,650), Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Media Coverage:** ABC Sports(national) and Husker Radio Network.

**Oklahoma Facts:** Coach — Barry Switzer (Arkansas, 1960), 14th year as head coach, all at OU (overall record of 135-25-4). School Colors — Crimson and Cream. Nickname — Sooners. Enrollment — 20,000. Conference — Big Eight. Basic Offense — Wishbone. Basic Defense — 5-2.

**The Series:** Victories have come in streaks in the past decade. OU has won the last two while Nebraska captured three straight from 1981-83. Prior to that, Oklahoma won three in a row. Switzer and Osborne started their head coaching careers in 1973 with Switzer holding a 10-4 advantage. However, since 1980 the series has been as deadlocked as possible: squared at three apiece in the won-loss column and 124-124 in the scoring column (an average of right at 20 points per game). After OU's win over Colorado last week, the victor in Lincoln will assuredly go to the Orange Bowl, where either OU or Nebraska have vacationed every year since 1969 (except for droughts in 1973, '74 and '76). Last year, Oklahoma dominated the Huskers in the first half to win easily, 27-7, in Norman. Nebraska's last victory was 1983 when the Triplets of Mike Rozier, Turner Gill and Irving Fryar led UNL to a 28-21 win.



with ABC. A commitment by the SEC to CBS may have also left the television future of the New Orleans contest up in the air as well as left the bowl with the possibility of doing without such teams as Nebraska and Oklahoma. "We've had such a good relationship with the Big Eight over the years. If it had happened (the SEC leaving) I hope they wouldn't have boycotted us. It was a no win situation for us because of the fact we are still an ABC Bowl and we still have to negotiate for the future. Perhaps in the long run, it all worked out for the best."

Brian Bosworth has taken his abuse around the Conference by players and fans alike. But the Boz should



Terry Rodgers

expect better treatment when he travels to Lincoln with the Sooners for their annual showdown against Nebraska. Witness: "The Boz is definitely legitimate," says Husker wingback Von Sheppard. "I watched him on TV and he's a big, strong, fast linebacker. He's probably one of the best linebackers we've faced all year and I'll be looking forward to meeting him (again)."

"I've seen him play," admits backup Husker quarterback Clete Blakeman "and I'd like to

say he's all mouth, but he's a great player. I can't argue with that. He likes to talk, but he backs up his words so I can't argue with the guy."...Sez NU defensive end Broderick Thomas of this weekend's showdown versus the Sooners: "I think we can score 60 or 70 points or anything we feel like scoring (on Oklahoma). But yet, it's going to be a hard fought game. It could be very close, but I still think we'll come out on top."

As time grows near, it appears support for Dick Devenzio's request that players from Oklahoma and Nebraska delay for 30 minutes, the opening kickoff of their Big Eight Championship showdown has not materialized enough for any action to take place. "It's really not something spoken about," said freshman tailback Terry Rodgers. "It really hasn't been taken into consideration." Devenzio plans on attending the NU-OU shootout and had hoped for some form of action to be taken. Oklahoma players are scheduled to meet sometime this week to consider Devenzio's proposal, but it is not believed any action will be taken by the Sooners without consent of Husker players...Although sophomore quarterback Jamelle Holieway has gotten much of the publicity for Oklahoma this season, it is not the Wilmington, Calif., native that worries defensive end Broderick Thomas the most. "We can shut him down," Thomas said of the diminutive All-Big Eight quarterback. "That's no problem with Holieway. Holieway is not the man I'm worried about. If anybody, I'm worried about Eric Mitchel breaking it. He can break it anytime. He's

the equivalent to Steve (Taylor). He's a great quarterback and I'm really not worried about him (that much). All I can say is bring Oklahoma into Lincoln and we'll show them whose house (they're in)."...For the first time in three seasons, injured NU tailback Doug DuBose won't be preparing to take on the Sooners. DuBose was injured during fall drills and says the withdrawal pains of the game are at their worse around a game of this magnitude. "It hurts me not to be able to play knowing that it's a big game every year and I'm going to miss out on the game this year. It's sad knowing I won't be able to participate in a win. I miss playing the game. I love the game of football and it's just too bad I can't be playing for the big one this week."...

Listening to NU coach Tom Osborne speak after the Huskers' 70-0 win over Kansas in Lawrence, one would have thought the 14-year Nebraska skipper actually expected to have a hard go of things against the Jayhawks. "We really expected a dog-fight down here today. I thought it might be tough for three quarters and we'd end up winning by 14 to 21 points, but it'd be a 60 minute struggle so I'm surprised at how it went. We really felt this was the most important game of the year because it hopefully would put us into a major bowl somewhere and we have reasonable assurances that no matter what happens next week (vs Oklahoma) we'll do that and of course our players and coaches are very determined to make sure it's the Orange Bowl if at all possible.

But it'll be a tough ball game and I think we'll probably be more healthier next week than we've been all year if everybody gets back."... Because of the Big Eight Conference's efforts to balance the schedule of the other teams in the



Tom Osborne

league in order that no team has to visit Conference powers Nebraska and Oklahoma in the same season, the Sooners will have to visit Lincoln for two consecutive seasons... NU I-back end zone (Keith) Jones returned to action against Kansas after having surgery on his right hand due to ligament damage. Despite the injury, Jones is doing just fine. "It's holding up pretty good. It got bumped around quite a bit, but it's no problem. It held up real good in the game."... There is a legitimate rationale to Terry Rodgers' fumblyitis of weeks gone by. "It was basically a problem because I wasn't use to the weather," says Rodgers. "I couldn't feel my hand let alone the ball. It's a problem. I've never played in 30, 40, 50 degree weather. (In California) it's always been 60, 70 or 80 degrees. It's a different setting."... ♦



# Coach Osborne Evaluates Oklahoma



"I thought it would probably be a tough game the way Kansas played Colorado the week before and we struggled with Iowa State. We went down there with that in mind and we didn't take Tyreese Knox or Willie Griffin down because they missed practice and decided not to start Steve Taylor because he had a sore back. Actually, we had handicapped ourselves.

"I was really pleased with the way the players responded. I think offensively, we probably had our best day overall from a consistency standpoint. We didn't do much to beat ourselves. No turnovers. And we threw and ran the ball pretty well.

"Defensively, we put good pressure on the passer al-

though we didn't sack him all that much, but we sure made him run around and didn't let him get set. All the way around — offense, defense and kicking — it was the most solid performance of the year.

"Fortunately, we had no major injuries. Todd Millikan strained a ham string again. Ken Kaelin has a sore ankle. Hendley Hawkins has a sore ankle, too, and may not be able to play this week. Mark Diaz hurt a knee and he also may not be able to play. But those two are the only real doubtful ones.

"The doctors were able to rig up a very light, fiberglass cast for Keith Jones to wear and that made it possible for Keith to handle to the ball. It was a real plus.

"Against Oklahoma, we have to play a very consistent ball game, like the game we played against Kansas. Don't beat yourself and play aggressively. Just do the things you do best. We're going to need a great effort on defense. I felt we did a good job against Colorado's wishbone except for giving up a few big plays — the reverse and halfback pass. We'll have to be aware of those reverses. Oklahoma got us with one for 88 yards last year and we'll have to be ready for that. They are probably a little better on offense this year than they were last year. We'll have to have a fine effort from the kicking game because you're going to have two good defenses on the field." ♦

## Husker Depth Chart

### OFFENSE

SE: 88 Rod Smith, 6-2, 195, jr.; 85 Robb Schnitzler, 5-9, 175, sr.  
 LT: 72 Rob Maggard, 6-3, 265, sr.; 57 Keven Lightner, 6-2, 285, jr.  
 LG: 74 Stan Parker, 6-5, 270, sr.; 65 Andy Keeler, 6-3, 265, so.  
 C: 54 Mark Cooper, 6-2, 250, sr.; 63 John Nichols, 6-2, 265, jr.  
 RG: 61 John McCormick, 6-1, 265, jr.; 75 Mike Hoefler, 6-5, 255, sr.  
 RT: 69 Tom Welter, 6-5, 280, sr.; 64 Brad Johnson, 6-3, 265, sr.  
 TE: 43 Todd Millikan, 6-3, 230, so.; 87 Tom Banderas, 6-3, 240, jr.  
 QB: 9 Steve Taylor, 5-11, 195, so.; 12 Clete Blakeman, 6-1, 190, jr.  
 IB: 6 Keith Jones, 5-10, 190, jr. or 34 Tyreese Knox, 5-10, 215, so.  
 FB: 49 Ken Kaelin, 5-10, 225, sr.; 48 Micah Heibel, 6-2, 220, jr.  
 WB: 33 Dana Brinson, 5-9, 170, so.; 2 Von Sheppard, 5-10, 185, jr.  
 K: 1 Dale Klein, 6-1, 195, sr.; 44 Chris Drennan, 5-9, 175, so.

### DEFENSE

LE: 89 Broderick Thomas, 6-2, 235, so.; 80 Jeff Jamrog, 6-2, 225, jr.  
 LT: 76 Chris Spachman, 6-5, 265, sr.; 92 Neil Smith, 6-6, 250, jr.  
 MG: 95 Danny Noonan, 6-4, 280, sr.; 58 Lawrence Pete, 6-2, 280, so.  
 RT: 98 Lee Jones, 6-1, 230, jr.; 78 Tim Rother, 6-6, 270, jr.  
 RE: 83 Brad Tyrer, 6-2, 220, sr.; 91 Tony Holloway, 6-3, 205, sr.  
 SSL: 35 Kevin Parsons, 6-3, 240, sr.; 47 LeRoy Etienne, 6-1, 235, so.  
 WSL: 41 Marc Munford, 6-3, 230, sr.; 39 Blake Henning, 6-0, 220, jr.  
 LC: 32 Brian Davis, 6-3, 195, sr.; 28 John Custard, 5-9, 175, so.  
 RC: 10 Charles Fryar, 5-10, 170, so.; 17 Cleo Miller, 5-9, 180, sr.  
 M: 5 Brian Washington, 6-1, 220, jr.; 11 Jeff Tomjack, 6-1, 205, jr.  
 S: 19 Bryan Siebler, 6-0, 195, sr.; 23 Mark Blazek, 6-2, 200, jr.  
 P: 46 John Kroeker, 5-11, 180, so.; 14 Jim Toner, 6-0, 185, so.

## Sooner Depth Chart

### OFFENSE

SE: 3 Derrick Shepard, 5-11, 183, sr.; 83 Carl Cabbiness, 6-1, 190, so.  
 LT: 66 Jon Phillips, 6-4, 280, jr.; 77 Caesar Rentie, 6-4, 280, jr.  
 LG: 79 Mark Hutson, 6-4, 290, jr.; 62 Al Laurita, 6-3, 272, jr.  
 C: 53 Travis Simpson, 6-3, 265, sr.; 65 Bob Latham, 6-5, 265, so.  
 RG: 68 Anthony Phillips, 6-3, 285, so.; 74 Gary Bennett, 6-3, 272, so.  
 RT: 75 Greg Johnson, 6-5, 300, jr.; 76 Mark Van Keirsbilck, 6-2, 265, fr. or 70 Richard Marks, 6-5, 268, jr.  
 TE: 88 Keith Jackson, 6-3, 242, jr.; 82 Duncan Parham, 6-5, 250, so.  
 QB: 4 Jamelle Holieway, 5-9, 180, so.; 1 Eric Mitchel, 6-1, 200, so.  
 LHB: 20 Spencer Tillman, 5-11, 200, sr.; 25 Anthony Stafford, 5-7, 175, so.  
 FB: 45 Lydell Carr, 6-2, 220, jr.; 5 Earl Johnson, 5-11, 205, sr.  
 RHB: 33 Patrick Collins, 5-10, 185, jr.; 2 Leon Perry, 6-2, 230, so.  
 K: 31 Tim Lashar, 5-9, 165, sr.; 91 Todd Thomsen, 6-1, 190, sr.

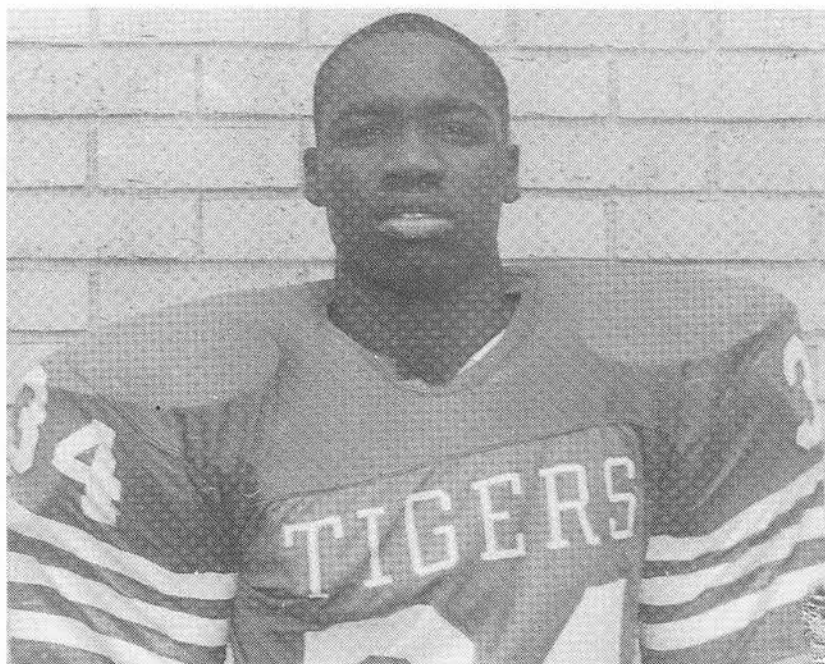
### DEFENSE

LE: 40 Darrell Reed, 6-2, 218, sr.; 60 Mike Mantle, 6-2, 222, sr.  
 LT: 96 Richard Reed, 6-4, 255, sr.; 99 Tony Woods, 6-5, 270, sr.  
 NG: 98 Dante Williams, 6-2, 270, fr.; 99 Tony Woods, 6-5, 270, sr.  
 RT: 86 Steve Bryan, 6-3, 260, sr.; 90 Darren Kilpatrick, 6-4, 260, jr.  
 RE: 80 Troy Johnson, 6-2, 230, jr.; 55 Mike Aljoe, 6-2, 230, sr.  
 WLB: 50 Dante Jones, 6-2, 225, jr. or 42 Paul Migliazzo, 6-1, 228, sr.  
 SLB: 44 Brian Bosworth, 6-2, 240, jr.; 54 Evan Gatewood, 6-2, 218, sr.  
 LC: 8 Sonny Brown, 6-2, 190, sr.; 9 Lonnie Finch, 6-3, 188, so.  
 FS: 29 Ricky Dixon, 5-10, 187, jr.; 15 Derrick Crudup, 6-3, 203, jr.  
 SS: 10 David Vickers, 6-4, 198, jr.; 8 Sonny Brown, 6-2, 190, sr.  
 RC: 49 Scott Garl, 6-1, 200, so.; 14 Derrick White, 5-9, 188, jr. or 17 Ken McMichel, 6-1, 200, fr.  
 P: 91 Todd Thomsen, 6-1, 190, so.; 12 Mike Winchester, 6-1, 190, so.



# Houston Area Loaded With Blue Chip Talent

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*Wharton running back Anthony Ray.*

By Kevin Jeffrey

**H**ouston has produced its share of blue chip football talent over the years, but the amount of talent located in the area this season is phenomenal.

It is believed no less than 50 high school seniors from the area will sign major college scholarships. Included will be a select few whom college scouts perceive to be the 'creme de la creme' of the area.

When speaking of the cream of the crop, all eyes turn to Wharton, Texas, where 6-foot-2, 200-pound Anthony Ray resides. "I never saw Eric Dickerson in high school," says Wharton offensive backfield coach Gene Rogers, "so I can't say he's comparable. But he's real good. People who have saw him compare him to Dickerson."

In nine games Ray has carried the pigskin for 1,453 yards and 17 touchdowns. His 6.3 yard-per-carry

average has been enough to power Wharton to a 7-1-1 record and a playoff berth. Ray ripped Santa Fe High School for 278 yards and four touchdowns.

"He ought to be right there with the best (backs in Texas) of them," Rogers stated. "I haven't seen the other backs in Texas so it's hard to say he's the best back, but he should be one of them."

Ray's performance this season hasn't been lost on college recruiters.

"You name them and they've been here. All the major schools have been here. As far as I know he hasn't narrowed it down as to where he wants to visit. Right now, he's just concerned about the season. Whenever the season is over, he'll sit down with the head coach and talk about it."

Most college scouts making out their list for the Houston area will

check it twice to make sure it includes 6-4, 250 Billy Dykes.

Now that's a familiar name.

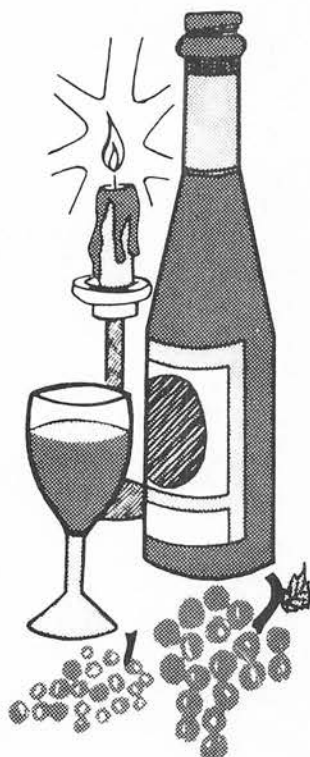
It was only two seasons ago that Bay City was jammed with scouts who flocked to the area from all parts of the country to solicit the signature of one Hart Lee Dykes. After playing for two seasons at Oklahoma State, everyone can see why the schools that failed to sign him left town in dejection.

That same scenario could be played out once more with Billy, whom many scouts claim to be Hart's equal.

"He's a very talented young man. He runs a 4.8, 40-yard dash," said Bay City coach Ron Mills. "He's a very good blocker at tight end. It's like having a big tackle out there that can catch the football. The only difference between the two is the fact Billy plays defensive end in addition to tight end."



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"He's equally the same," Mills assured. "He'll be a good player at tight end or defensive end. He has excellent agility for a kid that size. He plays center on the basketball team and he can slam dunk a basketball. He has pretty decent speed and excellent hands. I think he's as good a tight end as Hart Lee was a split receiver. He does the things you need to do at tight end."

Dykes has been the only bright spot in a 3-5 season for Bay City, the first losing season in 10. "We just didn't have a whole lot to go with him this year. He's been one of the bright spots, both ways."

"I'd guess there's been 30 different schools come in and visit. They're in and out of here everyday."

And that trail of recruiters continues to thicken in spite of the family ties in Stillwater.

"I don't really think he's a lock for OSU," Mills said. "I think Billy has a mind of his own and he's going to do whatever's good for Billy. But I've never talked to him about it. I'm going to leave that up to Billy."

Mills said due to the lull in talent this season, Dykes' stats haven't been what they could be.

"He's had several good games, especially blocking, but we've got an inexperienced quarterback this year and we've had trouble getting the ball to him. Everybody puts two people on him. One bangs on him and the other one plays him man. Since he's the only top-notch receiver we have, everyone works him over pretty good."

Four years ago, Cypress Fairbanks High School turned out a defensive stalwart in Oklahoma's Darrell Reed. This year the school boasts a pair of 6-5, 250 tackles in Todd Keene and Greg Lakin, both of whom coaches feel are the best linemen to play there.

"Lakin is very intelligent and has excellent work habits," said Cypress coach Warren Trahen. "He's a big competitor and has good leadership qualities. He relies a lot on strength and power coming off the football. He's the best offensive lineman we've had."

"Keene has excellent feet, he's also intelligent and a competitor. I'd compare them to any big offensive tackles in the college game today. They both have tremendous growth potential. Neither one of them has any fat on them at all."

"They're 260 pounds and they're men. They both could hit a growth spurt. They've got a chance to be 6-6, 285 pounds."

Despite the presence of Lakin and Keene, Cypress only had five victories in nine games. But Trahen points out,

it wasn't the fault of his hefty linemen.

"We were starting a 14-year-old freshman running back behind them. He's going to be real good later on, but right now he's just trying to learn the system. We'd have holes for him and he didn't find them."

It's been some time since Katy, Texas turned out a major college prospect like 6-4, 260 Chad McMillan. But college scouts haven't had a problem finding their way to the Houston suburb.

A key reason is McMillan's academic aggressiveness.

"He's an honor student with a 4.0 grade-point-average on a 4.0 scale," said Katy offensive line coach Ray Biles. "He's got extreme quickness and agility for a big man. His feet are excellent. He's had lots of phone calls."

"Southwest Conference schools, the Big Eight, Pac-10, Big 10, Independents, LSU...he's had folks from across the nation call and ask for film. He talked to a lot of them on the phone, and got a lot of information from most of them."

"He has tremendous concentration and intensity on the field as far as competing. He's a competitor from the word go. He hates to lose from tiddlywinks on up. He's just a very intense young man. He sets high standards and goals for himself and doesn't give up until he gets there."

Katy uses McMillan's enormous strength to run a majority of its running plays.

"We pull him on the pitch. We run some counters where we pull him on that and he kicks the end out," said Biles. "He's good at trapping folks. Somebody that big, when they make contact, can swamp a cornerback in a hurry on the pitch. What helps is his quickness, his ability to get there in a hurry."

Over at McCullough High School, 6-2, 240 Mike Wylie has scouts excited.

"He made the All-Greater Houston team last year as an offensive lineman," said McCullough coach Weldon Willig. "He'll probably make it this year as a defensive end. This is the first year he's played a great deal of defense, but that's where he's really been outstanding."

"He's able to put pressure on the quarterback from that position. In one game against Humble, he had five quarterback sacks and caused a fumble. We won 28-14. He's the kind of player that can dominate a game from his position."

On offense, McCullough, 8-1, has run exclusively behind Wylie's block from his guard position to the tune of 398 yards per game.



"On defense he draws double-team blocking and on offense they almost always put their best defensive linemen on him, yet he's still been able to excell," explained Willig.

"He has real good upper body strength. He benches around 350. And he has a real good knowledge of leverage. That's what most people comment on — that he always maintains leverage on people where he's able to get under them and to get rid of blockers and defeat the opponent that way."

Wylie's been timed in a 4.78, 40. Stanford and UCLA on the west coast are interested as are Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Nebraska of the Big Eight. All of the Southwest Conference schools are in the hunt though Wylie has expressed his desires to leave Texas.

Coaches project Wylie as a defensive end in college.

Noseguard Marcus Lowe, 6-2, 238, is drawing a lot of attention as the season wears on.

"He's quick, real aggressive and has football sense. He seems to always know where the football is and he roams from sideline to sideline. He's just a tough aggressive football player," said first year Northbrook head coach, Al Fergerson. "College recruiters say he's probably one of the best defensive linemen in this area. We're a young football team and he's one of our few seniors."

"But he is really aggressive, he's a leader of the ball club. He forces double and triple teams on him. He's quality."

Through eight contests, Lowe registered 84 tackles, 67 unassisted.

"He didn't play much last year. He was a backup noseguard. He played a little bit, not much. But it didn't take us long seeing how quick he was and how strong he is to see that he had ability. It was just a matter of whether he'd get out there and do it. During spring training he showed he would, and every game this year he's done well."

Lowe has been clocked in a 4.9, 40 time. In addition to playing noseguard, he also plays tight end and serves as the team's deep snapper.

"Everybody wants him: the Big Eight; Iowa's been here four or five times, Oklahoma State, Kansas, Notre Dame, LSU — they all want him."

Over at Kashmere, Rodney Hampton, 6-1, 190, and Jarrett Scales are marked men. The running back duo has run for close to 2,000 combined yards to put coach Ed Smith's squad in position to make a charge at the state championship.

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"We've won eight straight games with them," said Smith. "Rodney runs a 4.5, 40, and he's got some kind of football skills. He's a good defensive back and an excellent offensive back. He's as good either way. And he's a good basketball player."

On the year, Hampton has 1,200 yards and 20 touchdowns out of the Kashmere veer. Against Madison and Wheatley, Hampton had 200-plus games despite not playing half the time due to the need for his defensive skills.

Nebraska, Texas, Illinois, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and all of the Southwest Conference schools are interested.

"Jarrett is not as fast or as quick as Hampton," said Smith, but he's a steady ball player. He blocks real well and runs inside. He would be a fullback for most people."

Scales has run for more than 500 yards on the season and between the two, Smith believes Kashmere would have more rushing yardage, save for an inadequate passing attack.

"We don't have a throwing quarterback. They'd be great if we had that. Some games we haven't even thrown the ball."

Scales is being recruited by Stanford and many of the same schools recruiting Hampton.

Two seasons ago, Madison High School had about nine players colleges wanted. This season, two stick out. Strong safety William Thomas, 6-2, 180, may be the best of the two, but split end Glen Bishop, 6-2, 200, isn't too far behind.

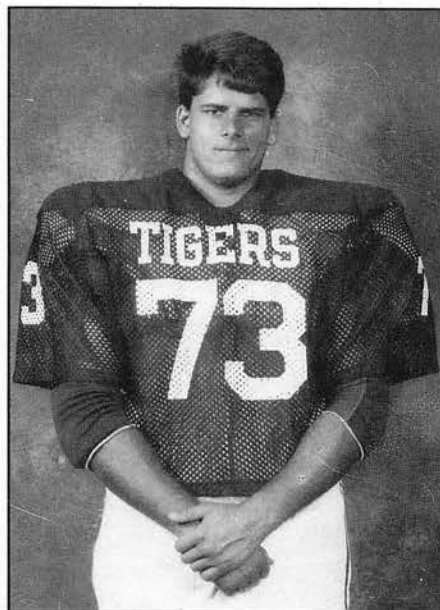
"Bishop is an A student with better than average hands," explained Madison coach Bill Mutysiak, "because we don't throw that much, but he's a very good athlete. The potential is there."

"Last week we threw the ball to him three times. He caught two, one for a 60-yard touchdown. I would say the potential — his size, speed — he's potentially a great college player. He hasn't reached three-fourths of his potential. He's got great ability."

"Thomas started out as our quarterback, but I've told recruiters I felt like his best bet was in the defensive secondary and he's started the past two games for us at strong safety and he's done a real good job, and I feel like that's where he's going to be able to play in college."

Thomas and Bishop have been clocked in 4.5 in the 40.

Jordy Reynolds may not get the publicity of other defensive players because of Stratford's 3-5 record, but coaches think the 6-3, 235 noseguard has an opportunity to be a great college linebacker.



Chad McMillan

"He rates right up there with the best of them," said Stratford coach Oscar Cripps. "He's got a lot of God-given talent. He's got a great attitude, he's in great shape. He's got some God-given talent and he's used them to the fullest."

Reynolds was state discus champi-

on in track last spring and finished third in the shot put. For his efforts, Reynolds made National High School Coaches Association All-American track team last year.

"He's so strong, he's hard to block," said Cripps. "We don't do anything to cover him up. He plays noseguard and linebacker. We run a multiple defense and he's a noseguard in the '50 and a linebacker in the '40. He doesn't get knocked back."

"He was strictly a linebacker his junior year, and we moved him to noseguard this year. His best position is linebacker, though, because he covers so much territory. He's a leader and you'd never know how good he is by the way he acts."

"We've had some really good linebackers in this district — Ty Allert (Texas), John Dull (TCU) and Allen Jamsen (Baylor) — he's in the same category with those guys."

Reynolds is being recruited by the world.

You can easily detect the schools in dire need of a defensive tackle. Just check out a Springwood game and watch the eyes pop out as scouts marvel over the play of 6-4, 250 Murry Garrett.

"We built our defense around him," said Springwood coach Ben Bloomer. "He was returning from last year and did a good job last year. If he has a good game, we have a good game."

Because of an early season knee injury, Garrett has been slowed; so has Springwood, who's stumbled to a 1-8 record.

"He had his knee chop-blocked in one game, and he injured his ankle in another game. They know they (other teams) need to get him out of there. They're nothing serious, they're just nagging injuries that when you're 6-4, 250, are hard to get well."

Waltrip coaches don't have to worry about getting their ace defender Johnny Eaton well. In fact, they're trying to figure out a way to idle his motor.

"He's very intense," assured Waltrip defensive assistant Zucc Arini. "He's got a lot of natural ability. He's able to get through the offensive line before the offensive line is able to take a step in any direction."

"We set up our defense to get him in the gap and he just shoots on through. He's on the quarterback before the quarterback knows what's happening. He's the most aggressive player I've ever seen."

Ditto for scouts from Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma and Texas A&M, among others.

Eaton is open as to where he'll attend school. ♦



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You walk up to Gate 4 at Memorial Stadium ready to watch the Huskers trounce another football foe.

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So the family (you, Mom, Junior and little Sis) is herded to one side as other fans stream past, staring.

"These tickets are fake," says the gatekeeper.

Stadium officials hustle over, adding to the inconvenience and sinister spectacle you have created. You are treated like a criminal, even though the real crook was the guy up the street. The guy who sold you the counterfeit tickets. They were more of a steal than you ever dreamed.

Fortunately, that situation is strictly hypothetical at Memorial Stadium. It hasn't happened yet. It's the job of our secretive friend — let's call him "Mr. T" — because he's the one who legitimately prints tickets to ensure such embarrassments remain only hypothetical.

"We put security features right in the ticket," said Mr. T, "but I'd rather not say what they are. And honestly, I'd rather you not use my name or mention that were located in..."

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Mr. T is so concerned about security because of the high value his products have on the black market, much less the legitimate open market.

Just imagine how much money a crook could make if he snatched 100 authentic OU-Nebraska tickets, or if he printed 100 tickets from the genuine negative. How much

would you pay someone on game day, 10 minutes before kickoff, for two 50-yard-line tickets? Maybe \$75 each? Or \$100? What if Brian Bosworth was locked up the night before for indecent exposure, or Jamelle Holieway was apprehended for purse snatching? Would you pay \$150 per ticket to see Nebraska thump the shameless Sooners?

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Big events like Super Bowls and World Series are handled by the elite of ticket making, and there's only a couple. They've quietly built respected reputations throughout the decades. Their company names are simple and non-descript. Nothing like "Acme Tickets — Billions and Billions Sold!" They don't advertise. TV spots like "We did Indy! And Now 2.9% Financing on All Bowl Games," would draw too much attention.

Someone might try to break in and swipe something. It's been tried.

"Security reaches its peak when you do a government function," Mr. T said. "Like the Nixon inauguration.

We had the Secret Service here when we did those tickets. They were at the plant. They met the tickets at the airport. They watched them at the connecting airports. They watched those tickets all the way to Washington D.C."

But it's not just athletic events and government shindigs that require top-notch security.

Rock concerts are still a big item. And remember the unruly 1960's. That was a prime time for concert ticket counterfeiting.

"Since a lot of rock concerts were on college campuses, dissident groups would want to stir up trouble by selling thousands of fake tickets," Mr. T said. "Maybe there'd be 5,000 seats, but they would counterfeit an additional 3,000 tickets so they could make sure a lot of people wouldn't get seats. There'd be a riot. You don't see that hardly at all these days."

What you do see is genuine concern about ensuring the accountability of tickets. Even for high school football.

"Gosh, reserve seating is a big deal in high school football, especially in Texas," Mr. T said. "It used to be that high schools would just make their tickets in their votech print shop. But sometimes those tickets would also disappear. So now, most high schools like to have their football tickets printed out of town."

Historically, ticketing as a business began to grow in the early 1900's with the advent of the season ticket concept.

"That's a win-win situation for everybody," Mr. T explained. "The fan could be guaranteed the ideal seat he wanted on the 50-yard line for each game of the season, and the promoter would be guaranteed income even if there was a downpour of rain before the game."

"Then after World War II, sports in America exploded. Seating capacities were increased. Just think about those tickets. At Nebraska, you've got 76,000 individual tickets and each one has a separate and unique seating number on it.

"The problem starts when you have that limited seating. Sure, you may have 100,000 tickets for the Indy 500, but they'll all be sold. It may have a \$50 price on it, but some people will be willing to pay \$100, \$200 or more if they want it bad enough.

"A ticket can be a great thing," Mr. T said. "It makes a great memento after the game as a ticket stub even though it's not worth much except as a souvenir."

Mr. T and his low-profile associates in the ticket business are busy each season ensuring that those ducats you buy, whether at the counter or on the street, are worth every penny you pay. ♦

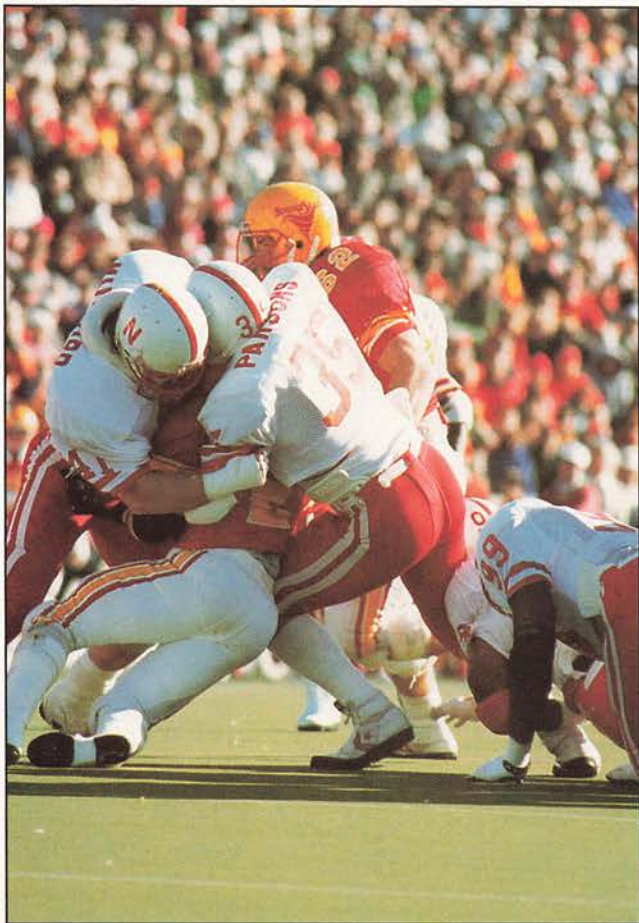


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**F**or the Nebraska seniors of '86, it's been a constant struggle to keep the high-octane Husker tradition hitting on all cylinders in their farewell season.

First the NCAA ticketed Nebraska before the Huskers even got out of the driveway. A non-moving violation. The NCAA had a mind to take away the football license of 60 players just as the Huskers were about to face another Division I-A hot rod, Florida State. What a way to start your senior season.

## *NU Seniors*



*By Mark Owens*

Senior linebackers Marc Munford (41) and Kevin Parsons (35) make a stop at Iowa State (top), while senior tackle Chris Spachman (76) could be hoping for another TD against OU. The Husker offensive line (above) features seniors Tom Welter (69), Mark Cooper (54), Stan Parker (74) and Rob Maggard (72). Parker (opposite page) most likely to succeed?



Soon, though, the issue was resolved and it was time to play football. Gentlemen, start your engines. But senior I-back Doug DuBose received a season-ending knee injury, leaving Nebraska without its turbo charger. DuBose was the key that would make Nebraska's high-powered offense rev. He was the Corvette of running backs. He had a spec sheet full of luxury options. DuBose had the numbers. He also had a bad wheel. Nebraska's

South Carolina's football team was about to win. But senior Bryan Siebler provided the necessary coolant with a last-minute interception to preserve a Nebraska win.

From oppressive heat to slippery cold, the seniors' next road block was Oklahoma State and chilling rain back in Lincoln.

But they won.

Then the Huskers had to put on their snow tires to skid past Kansas

game activities as they play their last contest in Memorial Stadium. Since 1982, when today's fifth-year seniors reported as freshmen, Nebraska has posted a 28-2 record on its home turf, their only losses coming to Oklahoma (17-7 in 1984) and Florida State (17-13 in 1985). Otherwise, it's been an era of great memories.

"It's hard to pick a single greatest event or person during that time," said Dave Bryan, a backup noseguard from Osceola, Nebraska. "But I certainly have to say it was a great thrill to play with and against some of the best players in college football, like Mike Rozier, Turner Gill, Irving Fryar, Dean Steinkuhler, Dave Rimington."

Even though the record-setting offense of 1983, wins over OU and bowl trips are often fond memories for these veterans, more often than not, the lasting impressions were made by people.

"People like Coach Osborne," said fullback Ken Kaelin, "will also have a big impact on me. It was incredible how he has combined coaching with christianity. Also, Frank Solich because he was so patient with me throughout my career, and all the christian brothers on the team for being there when I needed them."

Tremendous friendships were formed. Often it is the family within a family. Players at specific playing positions.

"I'll always remember Coach Osborne," said Dan Thayer, a senior safety from Grand Island. "Plus all my closest friends: Bryan Siebler, Gary Schneider, Jeff Tomjack, Chris Carr." You got it; they're all defensive backs.

But just as there were high points, the seniors of '86 faced low points throughout their careers, too, both as individuals and as a team.

However, unlike the on-field heroics that fans shared with these Husker seniors, their low points were mostly absorbed in private as they battled back against nagging injuries.

"After hurting my knee and going through surgery," said Bryan, "I honestly thought about giving it up. It's so frustrating not being able to get on the field. It takes a lot of hard work to rehabilitate an injury and some guys don't come back. But I worked at it and now I'm playing again."

When Nebraska's seniors of '86 have been healthy and playing, they have done some impressive things on the field. Some players finished in four years, others redshirted and compiled their stats over five years.

Here are the Class of '86 names that can be found in the Husker record book:



version of the 1986 Heisman Trophy candidate never got off the showroom floor, and he was towed back to the service bay.

But his fellow seniors drove on without him.

Rejuvenated with some high-tech spare parts, Nebraska's seniors cruised along until things got a little hot; in fact, down right overheated. What was supposed to be a joy ride to South Carolina turned into the hottest, most humid pit stop in decades of Husker football. The red engine light flashed. Vapor lock almost set in.

State in the worst field conditions of modern football history.

Now, the last curve in the seniors' road to success will be the slick Sooners of Oklahoma on November 22 when the Husker veterans try to regain the magic that led to a pair of wins over OU during the early part of their careers.

More than any Nebraska team in decades, the seniors of '86 have faced tremendous adversity, and have bounced back.

Against the Sooners next week, 26 seniors will be honored during pre-



Dale Klein, place kicker from Seward. Not only does Klein have the most school records among Nebraskans, he has set national standards. Most noteworthy, of course, is his seven field goal performance versus Missouri in 1985. He's also set NU marks with most points by kicking in a game (22 against Missouri); most field goals in a season (13 in 1985); most consecutive field goals (nine in 1985); most field goals in a career (26 and counting).

Brian Davis, cornerback from Phoenix, Arizona. Davis broke up eight passes in 1985 to tie the school record.

Kaelin, fullback from Westerville, Nebraska. Just last week against Iowa State, Kaelin tied the school record for most carries by a fullback in a single game (25). That long-time standard had been set by Jerry Brown versus Baylor in 1956.

Doug DuBose, I-back from Uncasville, Connecticut, was the only rusher in Husker history to gain over 1,000 yards in his sophomore and junior years; he gained 1,040 in 1984 and 1,161 in 1985. He led the Big Eight

Conference in rushing his sophomore year.

As a collective unit, the seniors of '86 have seen records set during their careers, and whether they were fourth-year or fifth year seniors, they saw plenty.

For instance, they played before more fans in 1983 than any Husker team in history: almost a million people. To be exact, it was 905,450 with an average of 76,334 at home games alone.

These seniors witnessed the greatest offensive show in Memorial Stadium history in 1983 when the Huskers pounded Iowa State 72-29 for the most points ever scored by two teams (101).

In 1982, several freshmen from this team traveled to University Park, Pennsylvania, where the Huskers played before their largest crowd since World War II (85,304) in a 24-27 loss to Penn State.

Since then, this year's departing veterans witnessed six games in which they gained over 600 yards against their opponent, including the all-time school high of 883 against

New Mexico State in 1982. Ten times in their careers the Huskers have rushed for over 450 yards.

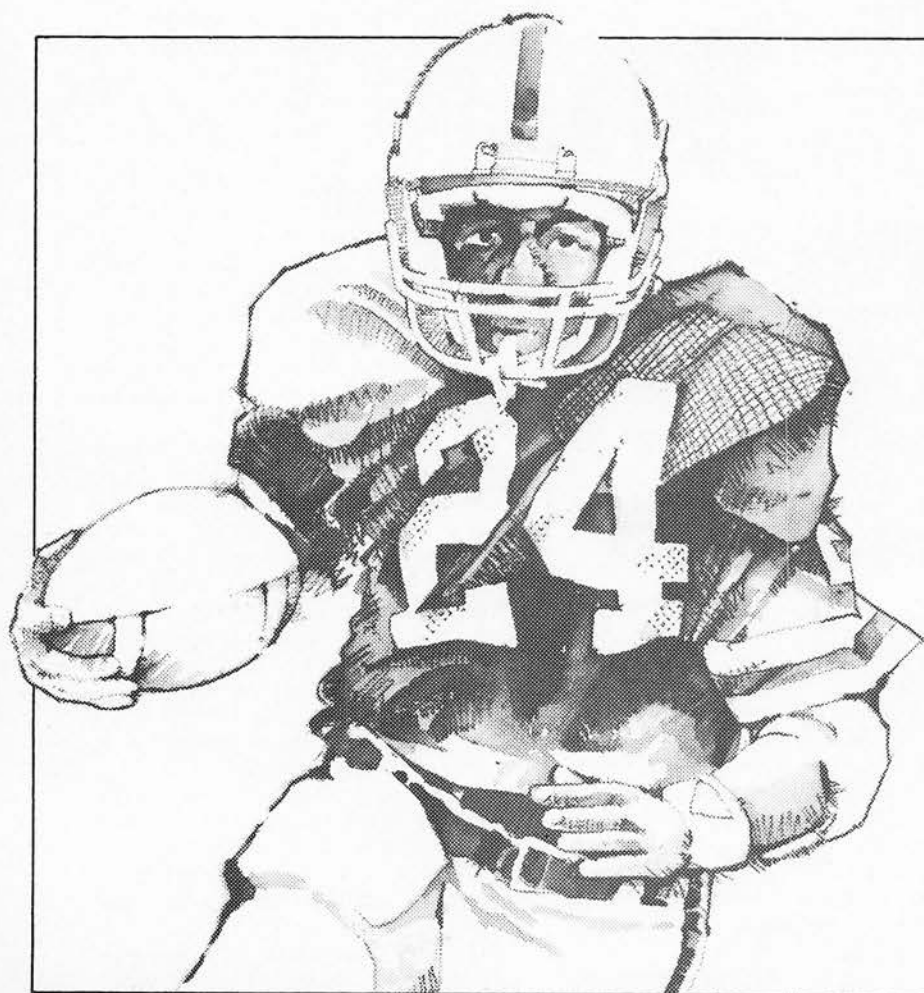
Their 1982 and 1983 teams led the nation in scoring by averaging 41.1 and 52.0 points per game, respectively. In 1984, they led the nation in total defense (203.3 yards per game). They've led the Big Eight in total offense every year of their careers so far.

But that success did not come easy, and they have some words of advice for next year's freshmen:

"Being part of the Nebraska football team is a great honor," said senior split end Robb Schnitzler, "but striving to be the best does not come easy. It will require a lot of hard work, dedication and sacrifices so that the Big Red tradition can carry on."

But for all the hard work these seniors have put in, there is also a very human side of football — the people side. It's not that different from any class of students about to leave their alma mater.

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**1. Most likely to become a coach:** Marc Munford

**2. Class clown: (tie)** Doug DuBose and Gary Schneider

**3. Most serious:** Chris Spachman

**4. Clumsiest:** Ray Nelson

**5. Best Singer:** Tony Holloway

**6. Worst joke teller:** Brad Johnson

**7. Friendliest:** Robb Schnitzler

**8. Best dressed:** Dan Thayer

**9. Worst dressed:** Ron Galois

**10. Smartest:** Bryan Siebler

**11. Biggest feet:** Tom Welter

**12. Most popular with girls:** Brad Tyrer

**13. Most likely to succeed:** Stan Parker

It wasn't too long ago that many of these seniors were high school stars, all projected to succeed. Some have. Some have not.

Consider the freshmen of 1982. Plenty of blue chippers came to Lincoln that year including Tom Welter, Stan Parker and Pernell Gatson. They were named among the nation's top 100 prep seniors the year before and greatness appeared to be on the horizon.

For instance, Parker was an outstanding tight end (6-5, 235 in high school) from Bellevue, Nebraska. But in the Nebraska Shrine Game in August of 1982, he injured a knee, missed his entire first year of NU football and

was later moved to offensive tackle where he is currently a starter. He's still 6-5, but five years of football at Nebraska have bulked him up to 270 pounds.

Welter was a 6-5, 250 lineman out of Yankton, South Dakota where he was an all-state footballer and state champion heavyweight wrestler. Through the Husker strength and conditioning program, Welter grew to 280 pounds, increased his lifting power by 75 percent and lowered his time in the 40-yard dash by a half-second. Today, he is classic example of a blue chipper that cashed in, and he should be in line for post-season collegiate honors this year.

Fortune has not been as kind to some of the class of '86.

Gatson came out of Omaha Central High School as an all-state quarterback and two-time state champion in wrestling. With great speed and strength he seemed destined to lead Nebraska in any number of offensive categories. He threw well as a freshman on the JV team. He ran well. But he also received a severe knee injury in 1985, just as he was listed first on the depth chart at wingback. Because of major reconstructive knee surgery, Gatson's once promising career withered and, today, his teammates will complete the '86 campaign without him.

Here are the seniors of '86:

No./Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	From
58 Dave Bryan	NG	6-2	260	Osecola
54 Mark Cooper	C	6-2	250	Lincoln
32 Brian Davis	CB	6-2	190	Phoenix, Az.
81 Mark Diaz	TE	6-2	220	Lincoln
67 Ron Galois	OG	6-2	275	Santa Barbara, Ca.
75 Mike Hoeffer	OG	6-5	255	Norfolk
91 Tony Holloway	DE	6-3	205	Bellevue
64 Brad Johnson	OT	6-3	265	Ralston
49 Ken Kaelin	FB	5-10	225	Westerville
1 Dale Klein	K	6-1	195	Seward
72 Rob Maggard	OT	6-3	265	Olathe, Ks.
17 Cleo Miller	CB	5-9	180	Dallas, Texas
41 Marc Munford	LB	6-2	230	Littleton, Co.
4 Ray Nelson	WB	5-8	185	Omaha
95 Danny Noonan	NG	6-4	280	Lincoln
74 Stan Parker	OG	6-5	270	Bellevue
35 Kevin Parsons	LB	6-3	240	Springfield, Mo.
3 Gary Schneider	S	6-0	195	O'Neill
85 Robb Schnitzler	SE	5-9	175	Battle Creek
53 Jeff Sellentin	C	6-3	255	West Point
51 Pat Shaw	LB	6-1	245	Aurora
19 Bryan Siebler	S	6-0	195	Fremont
76 Chris Spachman	DT	6-4	265	Kansas City, Mo.
29 Dan Thayer	S	6-2	195	Grand Island
83 Brad Tyrer	DE	6-2	220	Kansas City, Mo.
69 Tom Welter	OT	6-5	280	Yankton, S.D.

There they are; 26 seniors with 18 from high schools within the Cornhusker state.

Many came from Nebraska, but where will they scatter after football?

The process of extracting seniors from the Husker program starts shortly after the bowl game that Nebraska is certain to attend following the '86 season. After four or five years of almost daily team meetings during their college careers, the seniors most likely will gather with their underclass teammates for the last time at the bowl game, whichever it may be. Beyond the final hoorahs in the locker room, the seniors will never

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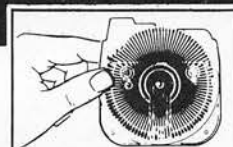
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suit up again in the Red and White. Chances are they will never meet as a team again. Certainly, the NU football coaches will toast them in the spring of 1987 with the annual senior banquet where they receive commemorative watches. But the Husker chalk talk is over. It's time for the real world.

"I didn't realize until years after graduation what a great foundation for success our Nebraska football coaches had given me," said Mark Mauer, former NU quarterback and senior of '81. He is now an assistant coach at Ball State (Muncie, Indiana). "Coach Osborne and his staff are very special people who provide a wonderful role model for young men. They are such hard workers and dedicated men.

"Regardless of what line of work a young man pursues after his football career at Nebraska, he's been well-equipped to succeed after four or five years of Husker football."

For the seniors of '86, this is the year that counts. It's been filled with road blocks, injuries, the hottest heat and coldest cold. But come January, it will most certainly have featured another arm full of exciting victories and bowl game thrills before these seniors pull over and park in memory lane as the Husker express throttles ahead to 1987. ♦

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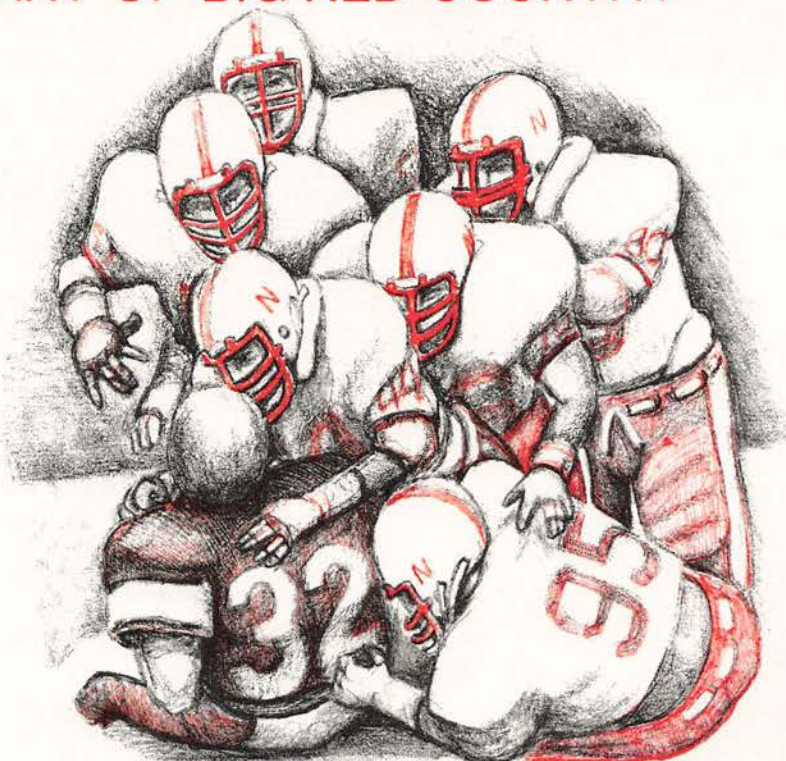
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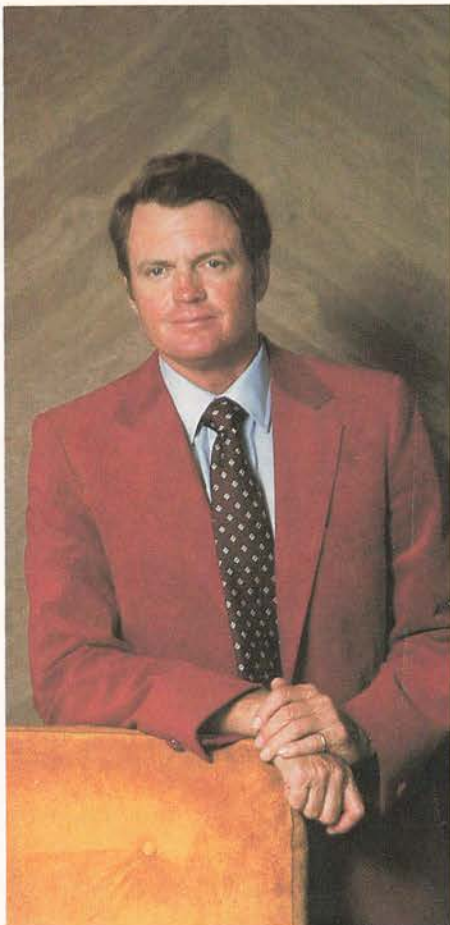
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# Ask Tom Osborne



*Q: After seeing the success of people like Roger Craig in the NFL, I was wondering why Nebraska doesn't try to throw more to its backs. I know that you're a great offensive coach and there are so many things involved in play-calling decisions that the ordinary fan does not see. But it seems to me that something like a screen pass to one of our good backs with three or four big blockers out in front of him would really produce some good yards.*

*And in this day and age with emphasis being put on the passing game, I don't think a team can win a championship without having a complementary passing attack. And I can't help but think that throwing to the backs more often can give the opposing defense one other thing to think about and can help soften up the middle.*

*But I know that you've heard all this before, and being the great coach that you are, I'm sure you've been working on improving in this area. Maybe you're just saving a little surprise for Oklahoma!? Steve Steinman, Dallas, Texas.*

*A: "You're absolutely right that a football team has to pass the ball effectively if you're going to win it all. But play selection is something that's pretty complicated and it's not easy to just say you're going to throw more for the sake of throwing more. First, you have to keep the defense off balance with a variety of plays, whether it's a run or a pass. And you have to be prepared to handle different down-and-distance situations. What play you select depends on your system and your personnel. On third-and-three, a team that uses the pro set might throw, but a wishbone team might very well stay on the ground, even if it's third-and-long.*

*"We try to throw to our backs and it has worked well for us. You've got to remember that we are predominantly a running team and that's what we spend most of our time on in practice. But like you said, because we run most of the time, the pass does give us a pretty good element of surprise."*

*Q: With all the hype about a national championship matchup with Miami and Penn State, the bowl picture has really been weird this year. What do you think the chances are that the Bowl tie-ups (such as the Big Eight and Southeastern Conference) will be changed some day and what do*

*you think of a possible playoff to determine the national championship? Dean Selmon, Chicago, Illinois.*

*A: "I've always felt the football season is long enough and that a playoff system would only stretch it out further. At least that would be the case with the few playoff ideas I've heard about, and so far most of the playoff proposals have pretty much been the same. But there's no telling what might happen in the future. There's been a lot of talk about bowls and sponsors bidding for a national championship game this year, and that kind of interest may change how people look at the bowls.*

*"As far as the matchups with bowls are concerned, I think the Big Eight and Orange Bowl have enjoyed quite a bit of success over the last 10 years."*

*Q: I thought at the time that putting a large lineman, such as William Perry of the Bears, in the backfield was inappropriate. But after watching Danny Noonan, isn't it possible that out of the Power I formation he could change the defensive strategy to a point of total disruption, allowing Nebraska to option? Paul Piontkowski, Houston, Texas.*

*A: "In college football, we are restricted from using players on both offense and defense during the game. The NCAA changed that rule about 20 years ago. So, we couldn't technically move someone from the defensive line over to offense for just a few plays. In Danny's case, he's done a pretty good job on defense over the years, so it would be a little hard to switch him to fullback where we already have some people playing well for us. If he played fullback, we couldn't use him on defense. Plus, we ask a lot when our players study our offensive and defensive schemes. Learning one play book is hard enough. But Danny is a fine athlete and maybe someone in professional football will want to try out that idea some day."*

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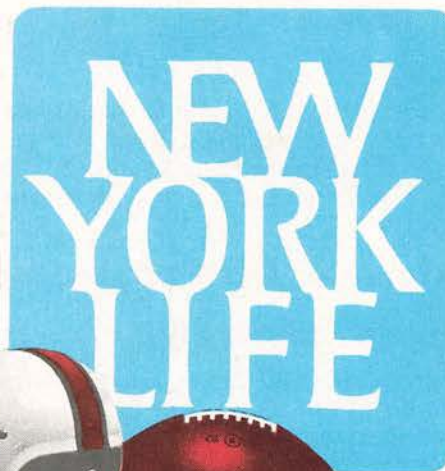
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